**Algebra 2**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Algebra 2 is a continuation of studies in algebraic thinking, building on concepts introduced in Algebra 1. Focus is put on the following topics over the course of the year: quadratic functions, polynomial functions, rational functions, radical functions, exponential functions, and logarithmic functions.

**COURSE GRADE AND CREDIT:**

Your coursework grade for each semester will be composed of the following categories and weights:

Assessments - 65%

Quizzes – 20%

Daily Work – 15%

**ASSESSMENTS:**

There will be several summative assessments throughout the year. Tests will be scored based on the modified 50% minimum scale, meaning the lowest score a student can receive on a test is 50%. There will be **no test retakes** and **no test corrections**.

**QUIZZES:**

Quizzes will be given periodically to check for understanding in preparation for tests. Quizzes will be converted in the gradebook to be out of 10 points. **Each quiz can be retaken one time and the better of the two scores will go into the gradebook.**

**DAILY WORK:**

Daily work will be assigned daily and will be due at the end of the following day. Daily work will be graded based on completion and quality of work shown. Full credit on a daily work assignment is 5 points. Points will be lost for the following: problems not done, work not shown. **Late daily work will be accepted for full credit as long as it is turned in on or before the day of the unit test. Daily work not receiving full credit may be redone for full credit.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Assisting students in establishing lifelong habits of reliability and promptness is an instructional objective in this particular course. Progress toward this goal will be measured, at least in part, by tracking student attendance. Therefore, a student’s grade or credit in this class may be adversely affected by reason of tardiness or absence.

**MATERIALS:**

The textbook is available in an online format. Students will need a graphing calculator or access to Desmos online graphing calculator. Copies of the notes will be provided, students are encouraged to print and fill them out during the live classes.

**WHERE TO GO IF YOU NEED HELP:**

1. I am available every day before school, after school, and during power hour.

**HOW TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THIS CLASS:**

1. Show up – every day, on time, ready, engaged
2. Give your best effort – do daily work, check answers, fix mistakes, seek help when needed
3. Care about what you are doing – study for quizzes, fix mistakes, retake, study for tests