

Algebra 1 Accelerated Course Expectations

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Required Materials:

- Textbook - Saxon Algebra 1 - 3rd Edition
- 3 Ring Binder with Loose-leaf Paper and Graph Paper
- 2 Functioning Pencils with Erasers (If you use pen you will lose credit!)
- Scientific Calculator only (No Graphing Calculators!)

The above materials should be brought to class every day. Arriving to class unprepared will result in a detention and/or a point deduction from your grade.

Behavioral Expectations:

- You are expected to arrive to class on time and with all of the required materials you need for class.
- When you arrive to class you are to take your seat, take your homework and binder out, and be ready to start class. All materials for your other classes should be placed underneath your desk.
- Be respectful of others during class. Only one person should be talking at a time. If you would like to speak, quietly raise your hand and wait to be called upon.
- Each person in the class is to take responsibility for his own actions and behavior.
- If you need to see me regarding work missed due to absence please see me in the Math Center when you return to school.
- You are expected to adhere to the Academic Integrity Policy as outlined on pages 16-17 in the Parent Student Handbook.
- You are expected to adhere to all policies outlined in the Parent Student Handbook.

Grading Policy:

Your grade is based on a total points system. Your grade can be calculated at any time by simply adding up the total number of points you have earned, dividing by the total number of possible points, and multiplying by 100.

For example:

Tests:	75/100, 87/100, 68/100
Homework Quizzes:	12/15, 8/15
Homework:	72/100
Math Binder:	18/20

Total points earned:	340
Total possible points:	450

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \text{Total points earned} & \div & \text{Total possible points} & \times 100 & = & \text{Your Grade} \\ 340 & \div & 450 & \times 100 & = & 76\% \end{array}$$

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Your grade will be based on the following areas:

Tests

- Tests will be given regularly throughout the term and will be announced approximately one week in advance.
- Each test will be worth *approximately 100 points*.
- If you are absent the day before a test you should be prepared to take the test the day it is given. If you are absent the day of a test you should be prepared to take it the next day you are in school.
- If you score below 70% it is recommended that you complete test corrections with a teacher in the Math Center. Completed test corrections will raise your score by 5 points up to a maximum grade of 70%.

Completed test corrections:

- 1) must be completed in the manner outlined in the “Test Corrections Checklist” handout
- 2) must be completed prior to the next scheduled test

Homework

- Homework is to be done *on graph paper*, written *in pencil*, and to be completed in a neatly written and organized manner. If it is not legible it will be marked wrong.
- Homework is to be hole-punched and kept in your 3-ring binder.
- Homework is due each day at the beginning of class. **Late homework will not be accepted**, unless you were absent the day it was due. If you are absent, you must turn in the homework the day you return to school. Assignments given the day you were absent must be *completed within one week* or a zero will be given for the assignment.
- It is the *student's responsibility* to make up work and get notes or assignments given in class.
- Each homework assignment will be worth *approximately 5 points* if the assignment is complete.
- Homework is your opportunity to practice problems on the material covered in class. Even if you are unsure how to do a problem you must make an attempt if you are to receive homework credit.
- Students are expected to check their answers to the odd numbered problems in the back of the book prior to class and will be given the answers to the even numbered problems in class.
- Students are expected to make corrections to any homework problems that are incorrect either through asking questions in class or by getting help from a teacher in the Math Center.

Homework Quizzes

- Homework accuracy will be checked through a series of homework quizzes given throughout the term
- Homework quizzes will be given based on previous homework assignments with the expectation that the students have made corrections to their homework and sought out help with any questions that they had difficulty with.
- Students will be asked to transfer their solutions to selected problems from the homework section of their binder to a quiz paper (textbooks and calculators will not be allowed during the quiz)
- Each quiz will be worth *approximately 15 to 20 points*.

Math Binder

- You will be required to keep a neatly organized 3-ring binder for this course.
- Your Math Binder should be divided into the following sections:
 - Section #1 - Updated grade log listing all of your assignments, quizzes, tests, etc... with grades corresponding to each. Your grade log will allow you to calculate your own grade at any time without asking me
 - Section #2 - Course Handouts
 - Section #3 - Homework Assignments kept in sequential order
 - Section #4 - Tests and Quizzes kept in sequential order
 - Section #5 - Notes
- Binders will be checked occasionally throughout each term and will be graded at the end of the term. Your Math Binder will be worth *approximately 20 points*.

Edline

Your grade will be posted bi-weekly throughout the term on www.edline.net . You are expected to check Edline regularly to keep both you and your parents up to date on your progress. Should you have any questions regarding Edline and/or your grade please see me in the Math Center or contact Ms. Corcoran at dcorcoran@xbhs.com (or Mr. Owens at powens@xbhs.com after November 30, 2009.)

Extra Help

Don't wait until the last minute to get extra help. If you find yourself struggling in a particular area seek help immediately. Do not wait until the day before the test. Extra Help is available in the Math Center from the start of first period until 2:50pm.

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