

Algebra I

TEXT

Holt, Algebra 1

CONTENT

This course will cover the following topics:

- Solving Linear Equations, Inequalities, and Systems of Equations
- Graphing Relations and Functions
- Graphing and Analyzing Linear Equations
- Proportional Reasoning
- Polynomials
- Polygons, Lines, and Angles
- Factoring
- Radicals

TEACHER

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CONTACTING ME

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AVAILABILITY FOR EXTRA HELP

- I am available to help students before or after school. An appointment is required a day in advance.
- Learning Lab options (300 RS)

ORGANIZATION OF DAILY LESSONS

Lesson

- Warm up Activity (may include problems to generate thought or homework quizzes based on the nights assignment)
- Notes for the days lesson
- Homework/Classwork if time allows.
- Homework quizzes will happen at random
- Binders will be checked at the end of every unit.

GRADES

The 18 week grade is based on the following weighted categories

- Semester Exam 10%
- Test/Projects 40%
- Quizzes 20%
- Homework 20%
- Participation (ex. Warm Ups, Binder Checks, DEAR...) 10%

The overall final grade is based on 90% of the 18 week grade and 10% of the Final Exam grade.

GRADING SCALE

90-100% A

80-89% B

70-79% C

60-69% D

0-59% F

Progress Reports will be sent out every 6 weeks.

Late Homework Policy



All homework is due at the *beginning* of class on the given due date.

Any late work must be turned in by the time of the unit exam for any partial credit. Projects will lose 10% each day that they are late.



If you are ABSENT...

Homework:

If you are absent, and the absence is excused, you are expected to turn in the homework that was due the day you missed on the day you return. (Hopefully you have your homework done before you get sick!)

When you return it is **YOUR responsibility** to find out what you missed! Upon returning you will need to write down your missed assignments from the agenda board. If you were absent on the day a worksheet was handed out, your worksheet will be in the folder located by the agenda board.

Remember, you have one day for each day missed to get the work turned in. After that, the work will be considered late and will fall under the above guidelines. As you are catching up with the work you missed, be sure not to neglect the homework assigned when you return.

If your absence is unexcused you will be given no credit for the days assignments missed. If you are unexcused for a test or quiz 25% of **your score** will be deducted from your assessment.

Assessments – Corrections/Retakes

If you are unhappy with the score of a quiz you have the option to make corrections to that quiz for homework. Corrections can only be made on problems that were attempted on the original quiz. In order to receive up to half the credit back you must show correct and completed work with at least one sentence stating the mistake you made on the original quiz.

If you are unhappy with the score of a test you may retake that test within one week of receiving the score for that test. In order to do so you must make at least one appearance in the learning lab for help or come to me for help (before or after school) on that test and then you will be allowed to retake it. If you retake a test you will be given the retake score, for better or for worse.

Tardies - Refer to student handbook. Remember you must be in assigned seat when bell rings.

Other Rules and Expectations.

- You will not be allowed food, drink or gum in class.
- Cell phone, Ipods and any other electronic devices are prohibited from use or display during the school day.
- Bags and purses must remain on the floor or under the desk at all time during the class period.

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* Mr. Brzuszkiewicz reserves the right to change policies, procedures, and point values if necessary.