

Villa Rica High School Math Department
Foundations/Algebra 1
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Welcome to Algebra!

The fundamental purpose of Algebra is to formalize and extend the mathematics that students learned in the middle grades. The critical areas, organized into eight units, deepen and extend understanding of functions by comparing and contrasting linear, quadratic, and exponential relationships.

A complete list of the standards can be found [here](#) (linked to Mrs. Presnell's website).

About Me (Coach E)

- I am from Ranburne, Alabama right across the state line!
 - I was in Gainesville, Florida for 3.5 years
 - I LOVE music. I pride myself in having a wide range of musical interests.
 - I've coached at the University of West Georgia, Alabama Summer Football Camps, Haralson County, Ranburne High School, Bell High School (FL) and now here!
 - I'm the freshman football team Head Coach
 - Big Braves fan!
 - I have 2 brothers: one older, one younger
 - I did not get my degree in teaching but I have fallen into it because I have a calling to make sure that students/kids receive the best education that they can but not just in my curriculum. I've told classes in the past that I teach math half the time and the other half I teach about life. I hope to help be the reason a student wants to come to school.
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Grading

- Formative Grades: 60%
This includes daily assignments, homework, performance tasks, etc.
 - Summative Grades: 40%
This includes district common assessments, tests, projects, quizzes, etc.
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Required Materials

- You should have either a separate Algebra 1 notebook and folder, OR a section for Algebra 1 in a 3-ring binder.
- You should always bring your notebook/folder, a pencil, your calculator, and your Chromebook/charger every day.
- Chromebooks will be needed to complete classwork assignments and nearly all assessments (tests/quizzes). **Failure to bring your fully charged Chromebook to class may result in a missing or failing assignment, quiz, or test!**
- We will be using the [TI-30XS Multiview](#) calculator. Although we have a class set, it is strongly suggested that students purchase their own calculator to reduce sharing of materials. It is also helpful to have your own calculator when practicing skills at home.

Cell phones and headphones/AirPods are NOT ALLOWED in class. This is a school-wide policy. There is a calculator caddy that you can place your phone into. If cell phones/AirPods are out in class, ONE warning will be given and then a behavior referral will be submitted.

Online Resources/Apps

Google Classroom will frequently be used to post notes, assignments, and helpful resources. You should also have access to Infinite Campus and Gmail (your student account). There are cell phone apps for Google Classroom, Infinite Campus, and Gmail that I recommend you download to receive important notifications for class!

Missed/Absent Work

It will be the responsibility of the student to check Google Classroom and/or communicate with the teacher to get the missed notes/assignments. If you are absent, you are expected to make arrangements for work within three days upon return. Be mindful that the grade book closes after each 9-week period. All missing work will be marked with an “M” which is calculated as a 0 (zero) in the grade book. Late work will be accepted for one week from the initial deadline of the assignment. (I understand there may be special cases when this isn’t possible, just come talk to me and we will work something out!)

Milestones

Algebra has a state-mandated end-of-course test (EOC). The test is scheduled for late April/early May. The test is worth 20% of your final grade during the second semester.

Semester Exams

There will be a cumulative exam or project at the end of each semester (December and May). The weight of the exam will be communicated as we progress through the course!

Academic Honesty

Students are expected to be honest in all academic work and not tolerate academic dishonesty of others. This includes copying the answers of others, passing others’ work off as your own, providing answers to others, dishonestly obtaining and/or distributing answers, and any other dishonest acts. These are serious offenses and will result in severe consequences and a grade of a zero in the grade book for the assignment!

Google Classroom Codes: Be sure that you have joined the Google Classroom for your class!

1st Period Foundations:

5th Period Algebra:

4th Period Algebra:

6th Period Algebra:

We are a One Rule Classroom:

If what you are doing interferes with learning, hurts someone, or prevents you from being your best self, you shouldn’t be doing it!

Let’s have a great year!!! We are VR!
