**Michael Tipps Room 109**

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**Bio**

My name is Michael Tipps. This will be my 29th year teaching and my 26th year at Huntland. I I am married to Amanda Smith Tipps and have 2 girls and 1 boy. I coach high school football and softball.

**Course Description**

Pre-Calculus is the study of mathematics that focuses on the development of the student’s ability to understand and apply the study of functions and advanced mathematical concepts to solve problems. The course will include an in-depth study of polynomial, rational, exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions. Other topics include sequences, series, conic sections, parametric equations and polar curves.

**Materials**

Please be sure to bring these materials with you to class **every day**.

* Textbook
* Workbook
* Pencil
* Paper
* Graph Paper

Students will be assigned a calculator for use in the classroom; however, these cannot be taken home. If the student wishes to use a calculator at home, he/she will need to purchase one for at home use. (TI-nspire preferred)

**Classroom Procedures/Expectations/Rules**

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* Work should be shown and completed for all problems.
* Students are expected to participate in class at all times.
* All school rules apply in the classroom.
* Come to class prepared. (Bring all materials necessary.)
* Show respect for yourself and others at all times.
* Stay in your assigned seat.
* Don’t talk when the teacher or another student is talking.
* No foul language.
* Don’t touch/take anything from the teacher’s desk without permission.
* Chromebooks must stay inside bags until used for class purposes only.
* No cell phone or other electronic device is to be seen or heard. If it is, it will be taken up by the teacher. No exceptions.
* Sit quietly during announcements or when we have visitors.
* See me privately to discuss grades or other concerns; class time will not be used to discuss personal concerns.
* Class is not dismissed until the bell rings; therefore, students should remain in their seats until the bell rings.

**Consequences (All major offenses will be reported to the administration immediately.)**

* **1st offense** student will be given a verbal warning.
* **2nd offense** student will meet with teacher to discuss an action plan to correct the behavior.
* **3rd offense** Parents/Guardians (and coaches if student is athlete) will be contacted.
* **4th offense** administration will be contacted.

**Absences/Makeup Policies**

* It is the responsibility of the student to see that the requirements of the attendance policy are met and all work missed is completed to the satisfaction of the teacher.
* Absent students will be allowed the same number of days as they were absent to complete make-up work.
* If a student is present, they are required to complete the assignments on time. If a student is present and does not have their assignment completed at the time it is due, they will be allowed one extra day to turn it in. However, if they turn in the assignment in one day the highest grade they can earn is 80. After one day, the student will receive a 0.
* All assignments will be posted online in my google classroom. I will make every effort to post this information as soon as possible. If a test or quiz is missed, please discuss a time with the teacher to make-up the assignment.
* The teacher will not be able to reteach missed lessons during class.

**Grading**

**Homework, Quizzes, Projects and Test – all count the same but Test will go down twice**

* + Homework will be assigned almost every class period, and students are expected to have it completed at the beginning of the next class.
  + The student must show work on all problems and not just the answers.

NO WORK=NO CREDIT!!!

* + Class participation will include classwork, working in teams, answering questions, remaining on task, etc.
  + Assignments may be graded based upon effort, completeness, and/or correctness.
  + Quizzes will be given periodically throughout the semester to check for concept understanding. They may be either announced or unannounced. On a daily basis, students should prepare as if they expect a quiz over the material covered.
* Students and parents should login to Skyward regularly to check grades.
* **This class will also require a state-mandated test in which a score 70% will allow you to receive a college credit**

\*\*\*\*Syllabus is subject to change as necessary.

**DC Pre-Calculus Syllabus 2025 - 2026**

Please sign below acknowledging that you have read the syllabus and understand the requirements of this course and how the student will be assessed. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Student Name (Print) Student Signature Date

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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