



Advanced Algebra Course Syllabus



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COURSE OVERVIEW

Advanced Algebra is the final course in a sequence of three required high school courses designed to ensure career and college readiness. It is designed to prepare students for fourth course options relevant to their career pursuits.

Fall Semester

Unit 1: Descriptive and Inferential Statistics	(3 - 4 wks)
Unit 2: Modeling Polynomial Functions	(4 - 5 wks)
Unit 3: Exploring Rational Functions	(4 - 5 wks)
Unit 4: Investigating Radical Functions	(3 - 4 wks)

Spring Semester

Unit 5: Exponential and Logarithmic Functions	(5 - 6 wks)
Unit 6: Investigating Linear Algebra & Matrices	(2 - 3 wks)
Unit 7: Trigonometry & The Unit Circle	(3 - 4 wks)
Unit 8: Culminating Capstone Unit	(1 - 2 wks)

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING

Student grades will be determined according to the following breakdown:

Formative (40%)

Warm Ups, Daily Work, and Homework

Summative (60%)

Quizzes, Projects, and Unit Tests

Students are expected to **neatly show all work with solutions clearly indicated** on all math problems. Partial credit will be given to incorrect solutions with work containing only minor errors. If the student's work is missing, illegible, or otherwise does not support the indicated solution then no credit will be given.

Late Work & Absences

All assignments and reference materials will be posted to Google Classroom. Students who are absent are still responsible for all missed instruction and assignments regardless of the nature of the absence. Those students with a valid school excuse (see Student Handbook) will not be penalized for as many days as they were excused, up to one additional week. Work that is otherwise turned in late will receive the following penalties:

Less Than 1 Week Late

70% Credit Maximum

More Than 1 Week Late

0% Credit - Not accepted

Summative assessments will never be marked late, but will be marked missing (0%) until the student makes up the assessment. It is the student's responsibility to make timely arrangements to make up any missed assessments.

Credit Redemption

If a student scores below 70% on a summative assessment, they are eligible to retake an assessment for up to 70% credit. Students will be limited to one retake per assessment, so it is highly encouraged that the student seeks out tutoring and/or additional practice prior to retaking the assessment. It is the student's responsibility to make timely arrangements to retake any failed assessments.

Academic Dishonesty

Cheating on any assignment or assessment is strictly prohibited. All assessments must be completed while the teacher is proctoring. Unless explicitly told otherwise, students attempting to make up assessments at home or during other class periods will be marked as cheating. A student's first offense will result in a grade of 0% being assigned and the student's parents will be contacted. In addition to these consequences, all subsequent offenses will also result in administrative referrals for academic dishonesty.

COURSE MATERIALS

Students will need a 3-ring binder with loose-leaf notebook paper, pencils and eraser.

Chromebooks / Laptops

Central High School provides students with a chromebook so they can access their courses' digital materials and assignments. Students must bring this chromebook to class each day, already charged, in order to participate in any digital class activities. Students will not be permitted to charge their chromebooks during class in order to participate, and will receive a grade of 0% for any assignment or assessment missed for this reason. This applies to all personal devices used as alternatives to school furnished chromebooks as well. If keeping the device charged throughout the day is problematic, consider purchasing a portable laptop charger / power bank.

A Note About Calculators

In preparation for standardized tests and future math coursework, some class activities and assessments will prohibit the use of calculators. Students should expect to avoid using calculators unless necessary.

I have a class supply of graphing calculators that students may borrow during class. If students feel the need to have their own handheld calculator, we use the Texas Instruments TI-84 Plus in class. There are much cheaper alternatives that I would be happy to recommend, but students will be held responsible for knowing how to use their own device. Not all calculators are permitted so personal calculators other than what the teacher recommends will need to be approved on a case by case basis.

TUTORING

If a student needs additional instructional support outside of class they may request to attend a tutoring session with me before or after school. Students must request the tutoring session at least a day in advance to check for availability and to receive a hall pass. Students must come prepared with their own specific questions that need to be addressed. Tutoring is intended to supplement classroom instruction, not substitute it, and requests from students who do not actively participate in class will be denied.

BEHAVIOR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Students will be expected to...

... **FOLLOW THE RULES** laid out in the Student Handbook.

- ★ Be in your seat and quietly ready to begin class as soon as the tardy bell rings.
- ★ Have all personal electronic devices completely turned off and stowed at all times.

... **RESPECT** the teacher and their fellow classmates.

- ★ Remain in your assigned seat unless you have permission to get up.
- ★ Do not speak out of turn or otherwise be disruptive in class.

... **ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE** in all class activities.

- ★ Refrain from eating, drinking, grooming, or sleeping during class.
- ★ Remain seated and working on assignments until the release bell rings.

Unless otherwise specified in the Student Handbook, failure to meet these expectations will be subject to the following behavior plan:

1st Offense
Verbal Warning

2nd Offense
Parent Contact

3rd+ Offense
Administrative Referral

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the contents of this syllabus.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____