

Meet the Teacher

Mrs. Nivens



About Me:

My name is Courtney Nivens. I grew up here in Alvord, Tx. I graduated in 2008 and am so excited to be a Bulldog again. I married my high school sweetheart, Kendall in 2018. We have a little girl named Carlie. We attend First Baptist here in Alvord and are so excited to become more involved in the community.

My Favorites:

Movie: Hidden Figures
Food: Spicy Mexico
Drink: Coke Zero
Candy: Anything Chocolate
Activity: Reading Books
Color: Purple
Store: Target or Amazon

Education:

I graduated from Tarleton State University in 2012 with my Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. I love all things Tarleton and am so thankful I had the opportunity to attend there. Go Texans! Bleed Purple!



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Fun Facts:

- I rode horses growing up.
- I was valedictorian of my class.
- I am a total math geek. I love puzzles and all things logical.
- Once a Bulldog, Always a Bulldog!

Algebra 1

Supplies:

- 1 in binder
- 2 Expos (turn in to teacher)
- 2 pkg Notebook paper(turn in to teacher)
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencils
- Colored pencils

Class Rules:

1. Come to class prepared and ready to learn every day!
2. Show respect to yourself, classmates, teacher, and this room.
3. NO PHONES! Phones are a distraction (and you know it), please keep them put away.
4. Have fun and learn from your mistakes!

Grades:

Grading Policy: 50% for Daily Work, 50% for Tests. There will be a minimum of 12 daily grades and 2 test grades every six weeks. Tests will be done in 2 parts. Part 1 will be multiple choice (similar to STAAR) and Part 2 will be computations. Daily Grades will mostly consist of Google form assignments. These will be automatically graded and have unlimited tries. Students will still have to turn in their scratch work to receive full credit. **Late Work Policy:** Assignments are due the following day. One day late will result in a loss of PAW time and a 20-point deduction. Day two of being late will result in a loss of PAW time and a 40-point deduction. Assignments will not be accepted after 3:40 on day 2. **Retest Policy:** You can request to retake a test if you score below 70. You must attend at least one tutorial session during PAW time to correct your original test before retaking any test. Both tests will be averaged for the new grade up to a 70.

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Tutorials during PAW time

Absences:

It is your responsibility to check Google Classroom if you are absent. I will post all notes, videos, and assignments on Google Classroom. No excuses. You will receive 2 extra days to catch up.

Discipline:

Most issues will go through all of the following steps. Teacher's discretion will apply. A serious issue in the classroom could immediately escalate to step 3.

- 1st - Student and teacher discussion of issues
- 2nd - Discipline is given by the teacher (classroom detention, seat change, etc.) and communication of student issues with parents;
- 3rd - Office referral

Course Outline:

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| Unit 1: Solving Equations & Inequalities | Unit 6: Polynomials |
| Unit 2: Intro to Functions | Unit 7: Factoring |
| Unit 3: Slope & Linear Functions | Unit 8: Solving Quadratics |
| Unit 4: Writing Linear Functions | Unit 9: Quadratic Functions |
| Unit 5: Systems of Equations | Unit 10: Exponential Functions |

Class Procedures:

Entering Class

- Check the board to see what supplies are needed for the day.
- Have everything you need ready to go and be in your seat when the bell rings.
- Turn in any assignments.
- Begin working on Bell Work.

During Class

- Take notes and participate in the lesson.
- Be on task and use your time wisely.

End of Class

- Please do not pack up your things early.
- Stay in your seat until the bell rings. Do not line up at the door.

Signatures:

Student _____ Guardian _____