

# Mrs. Butler's Foundations of Algebra Syllabus

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## Supplies

Binder

Notebook Paper

Pencils & Erasers

**\*TI-30XS Calculator – we will be using this calculator almost every day & you will want one to use at home!**

**I HIGHLY recommend purchasing this calculator!**

Click [here](#) to find this calculator on Amazon!

## Textbook

Textbooks will not be issued to students for this course. Guided notes will be your primary resource.

## Course Description

**Foundations of Algebra** is a first-year high school mathematics course option for students who have completed mathematics in grades 6–8 yet will need substantial support to bolster success in high school mathematics. Foundations of Algebra will provide many opportunities to revisit and expand the understanding of foundational algebra concepts, will employ diagnostic means to offer focused interventions, and will incorporate varied instructional strategies to prepare students for required high school mathematics courses. The course will emphasize both algebra and numeracy in a variety of contexts including number sense, proportional reasoning, quantitative reasoning with functions, and solving equations and inequalities.

## Standards

You can find a list of all standards for Foundations of Algebra at

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Frameworks/Foundations-of-Algebra-Standards.pdf>

## Grading Procedures

Major Assessments	45%
Minor Assessments	20%
Daily Work	15%
Final Exam	20%

This course includes a cumulative exam at the end of **each** semester.

**You can check your grade anytime during the semester on Infinite Campus. Progress reports will be sent out at 6-week intervals.**

## Classwork/Homework

Each day students will complete some form of independent practice. Occasionally, if the classwork does not get completed in class, students will be expected to finish that assignment for homework. Students are expected to complete assignments fully to be successful in this class.

## Quizzes

Quizzes will be given frequently to assess student progress. At least once per unit.

## Tests

Test will be given at the end of each unit.

**\*During assessments, students will be required to put their cell phones and smart watches at the front of the room\***

## Make-up Procedures (for absences from school)

1. Student is responsible for making up any/all missed work. Checking Canvas when absent is required.
2. If a test or quiz is missed, it must be made up during tutoring before or after school.
3. A test or quiz must be finished in one visit.

## Non-Instructional Absence (NI's)

Please make sure you understand when you have an NI, you are responsible for what we have done in class. Quizzes and tests **MUST** be scheduled upon return and homework should be completed. It is YOUR responsibility to check Google Classroom to see what you missed. An NI is not a FREE day. It is not the same policy as if you were out sick. **Be responsible for your work.**

## Chromebooks

All students are issued a district-provided chrome book for instructional purposes, student engagement, and student learning. Chrome book use is at the direction and discretion of the classroom teacher.

### VHS MATHEMATICS Test Retest Policy

Students will have the opportunity to retake **EVERY** unit test in Foundations of Algebra (excluding the final exam). Retests must be completed within 2 weeks of the original test being returned. Retests **will not** be offered for the following: tasks, homework, and quizzes given throughout the course of each unit.

**In order to RETEST, I understand I need to complete the following:**

1. Complete CORRECTIONS, at school, during a tutoring session or during SOAR (if available).
2. Student must complete Retest Quiz in Canvas and receive a 70 or higher.

Once steps above have been completed, the student will be eligible to take an alternate version of the test during tutoring before or after school. If this retake grade is higher, it will replace the original Unit Test grade.

### Quiz Remediation

Students will have opportunities to bring failing quiz grades up (to 70%) by completing specific iXL skills that align with the standards covered on the assessment.

### Teacher Expectations

1. Be on time to class.
2. Follow all handbook rules; be respectful.
3. **Be prepared to learn, including bringing all school supplies every day!**
4. Absolutely **NO** food or drinks (except water in a bottle with top) in the classroom.
5. Have a positive attitude!

### Classroom Consequences

1. Reminder of classroom expectations
2. Parent Notification
3. Office Referral

### Canvas

Students are expected to log into Canvas daily. The following will be available on Canvas.

1. Daily lessons and videos
2. Copy of notes and classwork/homework
3. Additional resources

**Students are expected to check BOTH school email and Canvas messages regularly.**

### iXL

Students will be required to utilize iXL as a means of improving specific content skills. This will be a monthly minor assessment grade which will be due on the last school day of each month. To earn full credit students will need to get four assigned skills to a score of 80%. There will **not** be an opportunity to earn a late grade on this assignment due to the abundance of time afforded to complete it.

**CHEATING** of any kind will not be tolerated. The following are examples of cheating.

1. Giving out or copying homework via in person or virtually.
2. Giving or receiving assistance during an assessment.

**The above will be sufficient grounds for a zero to be given to BOTH students for that particular assignment.**

**Cheating on a major assessment is an office referral.**

### Tutoring

I am available for tutoring each week! You are welcome to attend any/all sessions, as needed. You must come prepared with something you need assistance with.

Fall Semester Tutoring Schedule

**Mrs. Butler (Rm 2202):** Tuesday/Thursday 7:20 – 7:50 AM

### Important Point

I am here to aid students in successfully learning mathematics. If at any time you need additional assistance or clarification, please contact me as soon as possible. I will do whatever I am able to assist you; your success is my priority.

***Be Kind & Spread Positivity***

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Butler – Foundations of Algebra

Please, fill in all the following information regarding your student to ensure that I have accurate contact information. I will keep the information on file and use it to contact you regarding your student's progress.

Student's Name (First & Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to list any comments or any information you see as important to your student's success in his/her math course.

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Please, sign below to acknowledge that you have read the syllabus for **Foundations of Algebra**. Return to Mrs. Butler by Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU!!

- *Mrs. Butler*