

Algebra I

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Textbook Used: Murdock, Jerald. etal. (2007) Discovering Algebra. Emeryville, CA: Key Curriculum Press.

Online Resources: <http://math.kendallhunt.com/>

Expectations: Students are to be in their desks, with their notebook and calculator out when the bell rings. Personal electronic devices (phones, mp3 players, etc) are not to be used in class. Food and drink (including gum) are not allowed in the classroom with the exception of bottled water. Students are to be in their seats when the bell rings. They should have the following:

- Pencil and Eraser
- Math Notebook
- Calculator

Calculators: It is recommended that student have a scientific calculator for this class. Calculators may be used for parts of this class. There will be assignments, quizzes and tests where calculators are not allowed, otherwise, it is at the student's discretion. Calculators will not be provided. Phones and ipods may not be used as calculators on quizzes and tests. If the student wishes to use a calculator, they must bring one themselves. Calculators may be shared during work time, but not during tests and quizzes

Absences: Attendance in class is very important. It is the student's responsibility to get assignments and notes when the have been absent from class. When possible, do the **prior to the absence**. For more on absences, check the student handbook.

Grading:

<u>Grade Breakdown</u>	<u>Grading Scale</u>
20% Daily Work	100-90 A
30% Quizzes	89-80 B
40% Chapter Tests	79-70 C
10% Final	69-60 D

Daily Work:

- **Homework:** Homework will be assigned daily and graded as part of the daily work. Homework will be graded either by a homework quiz or by turning in. All assignments need to be complete and included in your math notebook to be evaluated at the end of each chapter.
- **Math Notebook:** Included in your daily work grade will be your math notebook. This should include vocabulary, investigations, assignments, Journal entries and a portfolio piece. These will be collected and evaluated at the end of each chapter.
- **Investigations:** As part of the learning, you will be doing group investigations. These investigations will also be included in your daily work grade.

Quizzes: There will be quizzes approximately once a week. Quizzes will be announced and will cover the current chapter's material. Quizzes are worth 25 points. Students may use their notebooks on content quizzes, but not their text book. The Quizzes will be cover the current material and will be similar to the homework problems.

Tests: At the end of each chapter there will be a chapter test. These tests will be worth 100 points each. At the end of each semester there will be a comprehensive final worth 10% of the student's grade.

Note: Talking during a quiz or test, as well as sharing calculators will be considered cheating. In the case of cheating, no credit is given for the work.

Retakes: Retakes will be allowed on Quizzes and Chapter tests. All retakes must be completed before the last day of the trimester. To retake an assessment, the student must fulfil the following requirements:

Quizzes:

- The student must go over the quiz individually with the instructor.
- All of the homework from sections covered by the quiz must be completed and checked.
- The retake must be scheduled within 1 week (5 school days) from the day that the quiz was handed back to the class.

Tests:

- The student must go over the test individually with the instructor.
- The student will be given a review assignment based on the difficulties on the test. This must be completed and reviewed by the instructor.
- All of the homework from the chapter must be completed and checked.
- The retake must be scheduled within 1 week (5 school days) from the day that the test was handed back to the class.

**** All Work **** To receive full credit for any work in this course, the answer must be clearly marked. Also all work must be shown. Even if the majority is done with a calculator, the steps punched into the calculator must be shown on the work. **Full credit will not be given for an answer with no work, even if it is the correct answer.** Partial credit will be given if and only if the work is done in a neat and orderly fashion.