

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year! Attached is important information about your child's Algebra I class for the year. Please sign and return only the bottom of the cover letter. You may keep the rest of the pages for your files.

Algebra I is the foundation for future math courses. Therefore, it is very important that your child keep up with the assigned work every day. If your child is having trouble understanding some of the material, we have a tutorial schedule that will be posted for the entire math department. Your student may attend any tutorial session given by any teacher. It is imperative we work together as a team to ensure your child's success. Please verify your contact information so we may keep you informed on your child's progress.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest. *The best way to contact me is through the email listed below.* Please allow 24 hours for a response. You may also call the school at 817-299-2600.

Conference:
8th period
1:20 - 2:05pm

Tutorials:
Mon. & Wed. 2:55pm - 3:30pm

Teacher's Website:
www.msulrichsalgebra1.weebly.com

Email:
brittanyulrich@misdmail.org

Sincerely,

Brittany Ulrich



(Please detach and return bottom portion)

I have read and understand all information in this letter, the classroom standards and procedures for Algebra I.

Student signature

date

Parent/guardian signature

date

Class period

Best number to reach parent/guardian

Best email address for communication

PARENTS, I look forward to working with you throughout the school year to push your student to truly learn and enjoy learning. I will be working hard to reach your student and help him/her achieve his/her potential as an algebra student and an individual. Please feel free to email me at any time regarding your child or any questions about the class. Thank you again for your support!

Course Description:

This course will emphasize the study of linear functions. Student will use functions to represent, model, analyze, and interpret relationships in problem situations. Topics include graphing, solving equations and inequalities, and systems of linear equations. Quadratic and nonlinear functions will be introduced.

Materials / Supplies

Pencils

One good eraser

Binder with tab(s) designated for Algebra I

Loose leaf paper (to be kept in binder)

Set of 4 AAA batteries for TI84 graphing calculator*

2 boxes of Kleenex *

1 pack of construction paper (any size)*

Glue stick*

Markers

Headphones

*To be turned in to teacher

Course Schedule

Class begins promptly when the bell rings and is not dismissed until I dismiss you. The bell does not dismiss you from class. You must be seated and I **MUST** check to be sure all calculators are returned. You will not be allowed to enter class without having a current Timberview ID. Tardiness is unacceptable. Should you arrive to class late, you will be sent to obtain a tardy pass.

Course Policies

Homework will only be accepted one class day after the assignment is due. Work turned in past one day will not be accepted unless due to absence. Late work will automatically receive a deduction of 10 points for the assignment being late. Work not turned in due to absences will be due the first day back to school or students will receive the same amount of time to complete missed work as was given to the students who were present at the time of assignment. Disrespect to teacher or fellow classmates is absolutely not acceptable and will result in immediate disciplinary action, which could be an office referral or detention assignment by teacher. Respecting other student's right to a productive learning environment is mandatory and will not be taken lightly. Other General Policies and Procedures will be followed according to the Mansfield ISD Policies indicated in the Student Handbook. A link to this handbook is located on the School website under "Policies and Forms":

<http://www.mansfieldisd.org/timberview/policies-forms/index.html>

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated under any circumstances and will result in immediate disciplinary action. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to: plagiarism, fabrication of information or citations, submitting the work of another person, submitting work previously used, or copying the work of another person with or without permission. For more details on MISD's policies and procedures on academic dishonesty please refer to the Student Handbook.

Class Participation

Class participation is mandatory. You will be asked to show work, go up to the board, use the dry erase board, work in groups and contribute to the classroom discussions and open forum. Occasionally grades will be taken for class participation. It is in your best interest to always be present and willing to participate in class events.

Attendance

See student handbook for district attendance policies.

Algebra 1 is a beginning course for all other future math courses. Missing days will cause you to miss those important building blocks and affect your grasp and understanding of Algebra 1 as a whole. If you are absent please come in for tutoring to receive the instruction for the topics missed during your absence. **Being absent on a review day does not entitle you to then not take a test or quiz.** You will have access to the lessons we are doing and the time frame in which to do them. It is your responsibility to be prepared on scheduled exam days. Along with my website our text book's website has great tools to reinforce areas that you miss.

Textbook Website: myhrw.com

Username: **tviewmath**

Password: **wolves**

Missed Exams or Assignments

If you miss an exam due to an absence you will be responsible for discussing with your teacher when the missed exam will be completed upon returning to school. Exams comprise 45% of your grade so it is imperative that you make every effort to make up all exams within a week of your missing the exam. Assignments missed due to an absence will be due the next class period. You will be given the same amount of time to complete the assignment as if you were here.

Retakes of tests are allowed for up to a 70. These must be completed before the next exam. It is strongly suggested that students attend at least one tutoring session before retaking a test. Tutoring is allowed with any teacher in order to help find a time that works for you.

Retakes are not given for midterm or final exams.

Grading

Homework / Daily work	20%
Quizzes	35%
Tests	45%

Semester Exams count as 20% of the overall grade for each semester.

There will be a minimum of eight (8) grades taken per six weeks grading period. At least two (2) of the grades will be a major assessment or test.

End Of Course Exams

As part of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STARR) program, all Mansfield ISD freshmen will be required to take an End Of Course (EOC) Exam in Algebra 1. The EOC will count toward your high school graduation. Students are required by the State of Texas to pass the Algebra 1 EOC test prior to graduating high school. It is imperative for students to perform well on this test during their freshman year.

Available Support Services

Tutoring is available before and after school. My tutoring times will be Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 - 3:30. Any student that wants to come to my tutoring must be in my classroom by 3:00 or will have to come back another time. A schedule will be posted outside my classroom with available times for every math teacher on campus. Our math department does an incredible job working together to help each student be successful. There is nothing wrong with attending tutorials with a different teacher. In addition to my website (www.msulrichsalgebra1.weebly.com) there are several excellent math websites out there. You can always use the Holt Algebra 1 textbook (login information provided above) as well as a one I would recommend: purplemath.com which will lead you to many more online tutoring sites.

1st Six Weeks Calendar

Students will be provided with a course calendar at the beginning of each six weeks. In addition the calendar will always be posted in the classroom and on my website. Should the calendar be misplaced or damaged for any reason, it is the student's responsibility to keep track of upcoming assignments and tests.

**** All assignments including tests and quizzes are subject to change under teacher's discretion.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Aug. 26 First Day Activities	Aug. 27 First Day Activities, IPad Instruction	Aug. 28 Calculator Scavenger Hunt	Aug. 29 Getting Ready - Fractions <i>HW: Fractions*</i>	Aug. 30 Getting Ready - Integers <i>HW: Integers*</i>
Sep. 2 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	Sep. 3 Getting Ready - Decimals <i>HW: Decimals*</i>	Sep. 4 Getting Ready Quiz Crossing the River <i>Getting Ready HW DUE!</i>	Sep. 5 Equations Day 1 Notes <i>HW: Equat. Day 1*</i>	Sep. 6 Equations Day 2 Notes <i>HW: Equat. Day 2*</i>
Sep. 9 Equations Day 3 Notes <i>HW: Equat. Day 3*</i>	Sep. 10 Equations Day 4 Notes <i>HW: Equat. Day 4*</i>	Sep. 11 Finite Day 1 Notes Equations Quiz <i>Equations HW DUE!</i>	Sep. 12 Finite Day 1 Assignment	Sep. 13 Equation & Finite Differences Trashketball Review
Sep. 16 Equations & Finite Differences TEST	Sep. 17 Inequalities Day 1 Notes <i>HW: Ineq. Day 1</i>	Sep. 18 Inequalities Day 2 Notes <i>HW: Ineq. Day 2</i>	Sep. 19 Inequalities Day 3 Notes <i>HW: Ineq. Day 3</i>	Sep. 20 Finish Inequalities HW DUE! Inequalities Quiz
Sep. 23 Inequality Relay	Sep. 24 Inequality Review	Sep. 25 Inequality TEST	Sep. 26 Intro to Functions Day 1 Notes & Assignment	Sep. 27 Finish Intro to Functions Day 1 Assignment I.F. Quiz 1
Sep. 30 Intro to Functions Day 2 Notes & Assignment	Oct. 1 Intro to Functions Day 3 Notes & Assignment	Oct. 2 I.F. Quiz 2 Begin Parachute Drop	Oct. 3 Parachute Drop	Oct. 4 Parachute Drop Graph

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Tutoring Schedule - Mondays & Wednesdays 3:00-3:30

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