

General Course Description

Algebra 2 is an extension of Algebra 1. Many of the topics (like graphing, solving equations, factoring, etc.) that we cover you will have seen before – we’ll just go into them in a little more detail. Other topics -- such as probability, logarithms and complex numbers – will be completely new to you. Either way, the topics change so often that at least you won’t get bored. **sing on writing and explaining the steps you take to solve problems.**

Expectations

I expect you to be in class on time. I expect you to be prepared – you should have something to write with, something to write on and something to keep papers in. I expect you to do your work in class and if I ask you to do something (work in groups, quiet down, etc., I expect you to actually do it). **This year there will be a major emphasis on group work so I expect you to participate appropriately.** I ALSO EXPECT YOU TO REMEMBER WHAT WE LEARNED LAST WEEK, LAST MONTH AND LAST QUARTER. It doesn’t help you if you forget everything you learn right after you learn it – and since review questions will be included on my tests, it won’t help your grade either.

Appropriate Behavior/Discipline

Just act normal and you’ll be fine. Don’t be too loud, don’t move around the classroom, and leave the food outside – in short, don’t be a distraction or a mess. Act inappropriately and the usual **increasing** punishments (warnings, conference, detention, referral) will occur. In addition, no hats or electronic devices are allowed in class, so please keep them hidden at all times. If you can’t put them away, they will be taken. And remember, there’s a “no exit” policy so you’ll only be allowed to leave class in an emergency, with a blue slip. This is all very standard stuff that you already know.

Grading In general, these will be the percentages for each grade:

A+ Over 97%

C+

How a Unit Will Look

Most units will last 3 weeks. There will usually be a Unit Test at the end of each unit. There may or may not be a quiz (usually not), and all homework assigned during that unit will be DUE by the END of the UNIT. Or, to put it another way, once a unit has ended, no homework from that unit will be accepted. And every once in a while, some units will have an extra day (which means extra credit day).

How a Class Period Will Look: (For the most part)

Classwork will be worth **40 points**