

Foothill Technology High School

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Algebra 2 Honors

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CLASS GUIDELINES

- **Be on Time**

Be in your seat ready on time and have all necessary supplies ready. We will usually start with a warm-up or homework questions so make sure you are ready to begin immediately when class starts.

- **Be Prepared to Learn**

This means bring your binder, completed homework, questions and all necessary supplies each day.

- **Be Productive During Class**

Take notes, participate in class discussions, ask good questions, and complete all assignments. Group work is not free time. When working in groups, refrain from talking about topics not directly related to this class.

- **Respect Yourself, Your Peers, and Your Teacher**

Maintain a safe environment and respect the right of others to learn. Please turn off all cell phones and pagers. No MP3 players or personal stereos

TEXTBOOK

Algebra 2. Ron Larson, Laurie Boswell, Timothy D. Kanold, Lee Stiff, McDougal Littell 2001

COURSE MATERIALS

- Three ring binder with tabbed sections (dividers) for:
 1. Notes
 2. Warm-ups
 3. Homework
 4. Tests and Quizzes
 5. Vocabulary
- Several #2 Pencils
- Paper (Graph and College-Ruled)
- Colored pens and/or pencils (one must be red)

Chapter Tests

Chapter tests will be given at the end of each chapter. We will review the chapter and you will be told of the test at least one week in advance. Prepare by completing all assignments and chapter reviews, taking clear and accurate notes, redoing homework problems that you originally did not understand, and practicing problems over and over until you understand

Daily Quizzes

Quizzes will random and unannounced.

In Class Assignments and Homework

Each day in class you will be asked to complete problems for material just covered. This allows you to practice and allows me to informally assess your level of understanding. This section also includes your daily warm-ups. It is critical that you are here each day and that you work in class on assigned problems. Homework grading will be based on writing and using correct mathematical notation, amount of steps and level of reasoning used in each problem, and completeness.

Homework Grading Rubric

- 5 points All relevant work shown
All problems done or at least a serious attempt is shown on paper
Written neatly in pencil
Corrected in class with a colored pen
- 4 points Most relevant work shown
All problems done or at least a serious attempt is shown on paper
Written in pencil
- 3 points Half relevant work shown
At least half of the problems are done or at least a serious attempt is shown on paper
Written in pencil
- 2 points Only answers written down
Most of the assignment is completed
Written in pen
- 1 points Only answers written down
About half of the assignment is completed
Written in pen
- 0 points Not turned at all or not turned in on due date (unexcused absence)
Not turned in next meeting day (excused absence)

GRADES

60% Chapter Tests	90%-100%	A
10% Daily Quizzes	80%-89%	B
	70%-79%	C
20% Homework, Projects, Class participation, notebooks	60%-69%	D
	0%-59%	F
10% Mid-Term or Final Exam		

Class Participation

Your Class Participation grade will be based on daily attendance, participation in class discussions, coming to class prepared each day, and cooperation and citizenship in study teams or group work. If you are absent for any reason you will lose points for that day. You may also lose points if you are unprepared or must be asked more than once to remain on-task.

Projects

We will complete a number of projects (mostly in the second semester). Rubrics will be provided for each project.