

Intermediate Algebra with College Foundations

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BLAINE HIGH SCHOOL

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Description: Intermediate Algebra with College Foundations is a 3-trimester course that earns students 1 total math credit and 0.5 total elective credits (.33 and .17 each trimester, respectively). Students will earn 2 separate grades for this course – 1 Intermediate Algebra grade and 1 College Foundations grade.

This course focuses on extending linear algebra concepts and preparing students for Advanced Algebra. The elective credit of College Foundations will help students better prepare for the demands of high school and college through topics such as growth mindset, organization, and study habits.

Classroom Rules:

Come to class every day on time, with completed homework and willingness to participate.

1. **RESPECT**
2. Cell phones are not allowed for use during class time (Unless Directed).

Materials needed daily:

1. Binder (For Notes, Homework and Organization)
 - a. It is highly recommended that students purchase a 1.5” 3-ring binder. As stated in the *college foundations* grading scale, students will be graded on a neat and organized binder.
2. Pencil

Attendance:

Good attendance is the key to success in any math class. It is your responsibility to find out what you missed when you are absent. Get the assignment and copy the notes from a classmate or access them through the Google folder that has been shared with you. If you need more explanation, I am available to help before or after school.

Grading:

90% = Mastery of Learning Targets
10 % Final Exam

Learning Target Grades:

Each learning target will be assigned a letter grade based on a rubric:

- **A – 100%**
- **B – 85%**
- **C – 75%**
- **N – 40% Not Mastered.** The student did not pass the learning target – they need to retake to master the
- **Z – 0%** Left Test Blank or did not try

Learning Target Retakes:

Students who do not show mastery of a learning target on the initial test may retake that learning target if/when:

- o The student completes additional practice for that target prior to taking the retest
- o The student has completed all homework that was assigned for the learning target (late homework will no longer be given points, but still should be completed for the opportunity to retest)

Overall Intermediate Algebra Grade Scale:

93% - 100%	A	77% - 79.9%	C+
90% - 92.9%	A-	73% - 76.9%	C
87% - 89.9%	B+	70% - 72.9%	C-
83% - 86.9%	B	67% - 69.9%	D+
80% - 82.9%	B-	63% - 66.9%	D
		Below 63%	F

College Foundations:

CF Gradebook

Quality assignments 30%
Participation 20%
Meeting deadlines 20%
Note taking 20%
Academic reflection 10%

Parents/Guardians:

Let's keep an open line of communication. Typically, the fastest form of communication for me is through email: matthew.smude@ahschools.us.

I look forward to working with you throughout the trimester! I am always willing to help those that seek it. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!