Welcome to Intermediate Algebra B!
Syllabus 2014-15

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CPHS Math ➔ Intermediate Algebra

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Grades: http://ahconnect.anoka.k12.mn.us/

COURSE DETAILS:

This class will cover four units of study:

       Unit 5: Solving Quadratic Equations

       Unit 6: Polynomial Functions

       Unit 7: Root Functions and Radical Equations

       Unit 8: Absolute Value Functions

DAILY EXPECTATIONS:

- Success in this class is dependent on practice and homework. Regular attendance is crucial because of the amount of work and learning in class. You are responsible for your learning and making up missing work.
- Students will be given a chapter syllabus at the start of each chapter. Students use this to understand what concepts are being covered in the class, as a check to gauge how they are feeling about each standard, and to keep themselves on track with the daily assignments.
- Bring required materials each day.

MATERIALS NEEDED IN CLASS EACH DAY:

- Pencil, Pen, and Eraser
- Spiral notebook or 3 ring binder (with paper for note taking)
- Graphing Calculator (TI 84 is the recommended calculator)
- Textbook

CLASSROOM CULTURE:

- Treat everyone with respect – this includes personal property, space, and ideas.
- Be responsible.
- No cell phones or headphones heard, seen, or touched during class (unless permission has been granted). Permission must be granted to use your phone, mp3 player, or other electronic device, otherwise it will be confiscated and sent to your house office.
- No food or drink allowed. Water bottles are allowed but you need to throw away your own trash.
- Participate. Ask questions. Make mistakes. These are great ways to learn!

TEXTBOOK:

Anoka-Hennepin Intermediate Algebra textbook is available to purchase for $7.00. The textbook may also be found electronically on the Moodle site. The book contains in class notes as well as the homework assignments. It is highly recommended that students buy a textbook but it is not required.

TARDIES:

- You are expected to come to class on time
- Once you reach 3 tardies you will be warned
- If you are tardy 4 times, then you will serve a 30 minute detention before or after school

ABSENCES:

- It is your responsibility to find out what assignments, notes, and/or tests you have missed. I will not approach you.
- Daily notes will be posted online.
- Absences due to TRUANCIES will result in a score of 0 on all missed assignments and partial to no credit for any missed tests or quizzes.

CHEATING:
Any incidents of receiving help on coursework that has been designated as "individual work" will be dealt with in the following manner:

1) You will receive a failing grade on the assignment
2) Parents/Guardians/Administrators will be notified
3) National Honor Society will be notified

HOMEWORK, QUIZZES, & CLASSWORK (20% of the trimester grade):
- Homework is for practice and learning. Mistakes are just fine as long as you have corrected them.
- Homework is due the next class day after it is assigned. Students are expected to <u>attempt</u> every problem assigned conscientiously and deliberately.
- Label all assignments with name and period in upper right corner of page.
- <u>Show all your work</u> and circle your answers.
- Students are also expected to CHECK EACH ANSWER AND CORRECT any mistakes. Put the number incorrect at the top of the page. Answer keys are on the Intermediate Algebra Moodle site.
- Each assignment is worth up to 10 points, depending on completion, score, and self-corrections. If you do not show your work or process you will get a 0 for the assignment. If you do not correct your assignment, the maximum score you can get is a 5. If you have not corrected your mistakes, the maximum score you can get it the percentage your got correct.
- Assignments are worth full credit up until a quiz and half credit up until the test. After the test, homework assignments will not be accepted for credit.
- A quiz (or quizzes) will be given assessing learning targets during each unit. There will be some form of quiz remediation to earn back points after each quiz.
- You may work together on daily assignments outside of class; however, copying assignments is not working together and will be treated as cheating.
- Classroom activities and classroom assignments will be counted for points.

TESTS (65% of the trimester grade):
- Tests will be given at the end of each unit, reviews will be assigned for tests and being absent on review days DOES NOT excuse you from taking a test on test days.
- In order to be ELIGIBLE for a test RETAKE opportunity you must have ALL your work corrected and completed for that unit. If that was not done, you will need to do it in order to become eligible for a retest. However, at this point, it will not be worth any points.
- Eligible students will need to complete test corrections and complete a review assignment before attempting a RETAKE. This work needs to be done before or after school.
- The deadline date for the RETAKE will be posted in the classroom.

FINAL (15% of the trimester grade):
- This is a multiple choice and free response cumulative test covering the entire trimester's material.

GRADING SCALE:

A = 93 – 100%	B = 83 – 86.9%	C = 73 – 76.9%	D = 65 – 66.9%
A- = 90 – 92.9%	B- = 80 – 82.9%	C- = 70 – 72.9%	F = below 65%
B+ = 87 – 89.9%	C+ = 77 – 79.9%	D+ = 67 – 69.9%	

IF YOU NEED HELP OUTSIDE OF CLASS TIME:
- Get help outside of class in B126 after school or peer tutors
- Get help after school at the homework help center from 2:30-5:00pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- Use the online resources found on the Intermediate Algebra Moodle site http://moodle.anoka.k12.mn.us/ then click CPHS Math ➔ Intermediate Algebra

I am extremely excited to work with each and every one of you, students and parents/guardians included. Please call or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,   Mr. Tenold