



Algebra II Support
CLASSROOM POLICIES
2018 - 2019

*Note: You do not need an expensive calculator; however, your calculator does need to be able to do logarithms, exponents, and simple probability (TI-30 or equivalent).
If you are planning on furthering your mathematic education beyond Algebra II, you may want to purchase a TI-84 (which is a graphing calculator).
Forewarning: I may not allow graphing calculators on assessments.

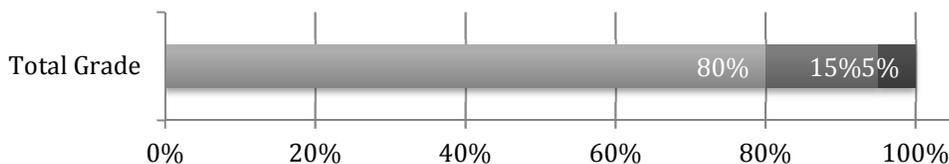
I. MATERIALS

- Math-specific binder (with dividers)
This binder will hold the materials needed for both this class and your AlgII class
- Binder paper
- Graph paper
- Pencils with erasers
- Scientific Calculator
- Dry Erase Marker* *If you want one that works well.

II. GRADING POLICY

The semester grade is made up of 3 *weighted* categories:

	<u>Percent of Grade</u>
1. <u>Participation</u> (discussions, work in-class, etc.).....	80%
2. <u>Responsibility</u> (attendance, bringing your binder and other supplies, filling out your assignment sheet, taking notes, etc.).....	15%
3. <u>ALEKS</u> (work on computer-based program, show work, write questions, etc.).....	5%



GRADING SCALE:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
A+ =	100% & above
A =	93% - 99%
A- =	90% - 92%
B =	83% - 89%
B- =	80% - 82%
C =	73% - 79%
C- =	70% - 72%
D =	63% - 69%
D- =	60% - 62%
F =	0% - 59%

If you have a zero (or a blank) on anything, then you either did not participate that day or you were absent. Only excused absences will excuse the work required for the day missed. Students have the ability to check their current grade regularly by going online to <https://parents.luhdsd.net>. Please feel free to contact me by email if you are ever confused about your grade.

III. ALEKS

ALEKS is an adaptive computer program that we will be using; my goal is to use it for up to 30 minutes of each class period. This is the first year that it has been available to us at HHS and there will be a bit of a learning curve. The goal of the program is to help you to practice skills that you have yet to master at your own pace. You will be working on latent skills as well as current skills necessary to be successful in your Algebra II class.

IV. TARDIES AND ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance in this class is important; you chose to take this class in order to help you be better prepared in Algebra II. Poor attendance will result in less learning and could reflect as lower grades in your Algebra II class. Class will always begin as soon as the tardy bell rings. Please be prompt to class. The school's tardy policy will be strictly enforced.

V. EXTRA HELP

You are welcome to sign up for any, or all, of my Patriot Plus sessions. I try to make myself available before school, and occasionally after school, to provide extra help. I have a calendar on my window outlining my availability. Please come in as soon as you feel that you are beginning to struggle with a concept. Do not wait until the morning of a test to get help for an entire chapter. Unfortunately, there are times when an appointment or a meeting will conflict with the time that I intended to provide, causing me to be unavailable.

VI. COURTESY RULES

In this class, we have two rules: RESPECT OTHERS RESPECT YOURSELF

To coincide with these rules, there are classroom expectations (which include, but are not limited to):

- a) Attend class regularly and be in your seat before the tardy bell rings.
- b) Students are always expected to pay attention, follow all directions, and stay on task.
- c) Students will listen when another person is talking – whether that be the teacher or a peer.
- d) If you use classroom supplies, please return them in an orderly manner. If you accidentally take something home, bring it back promptly.
- e) There is to be no defacing of school property. Meaning: DO NOT WRITE ON DESKS. Handle all class equipment with care; take pride in our school.
- f) Food and drinks (aside from water) are not allowed in the classroom.
- g) Hats are not to be worn in the classroom.
- h) Cell phones: there is a time and a place for cell phones. During class you are not allowed to use your cell phone at any time unless permitted by the teacher. When you are authorized to use a cell phone, you must stay on task and only use the phone as permitted. Any cell phone use that is unauthorized will result in confiscation.
- i) At the end of class, the bell does not excuse you; your teacher will, and she will not do so until everyone is quietly seated.
- j) I currently do not have a ban on gum; however, popping bubbles or discarding chewed gum in an area other than the garbage can, will cause this privilege to be revoked.

VII. CONSEQUENCES

If the expectations are broken, you can expect the following consequences:

- 1st Consequence: Verbal reprimand.
- 2nd Consequence: Moved to a different seat and student/teacher conference.
- 3rd Consequence: Sent to another classroom with an assignment due the next class meeting and parent contact.
- 4th Consequence: If all of the above fail, or if your conduct is severe, you will be sent to the Assistant Principal.