

Northland Preparatory Academy
School Year 2015-2016
Instructor: Paul Gallagher
Algebra 1/ Geometry

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Text: Pearson: *Algebra 1 or Geometry: Common Core* (Online Text)

Materials Needed: Pencil, Notebook, paper, red pen, scientific calculator, ruler

Grades: Your grades will be calculated on a point-by-point basis. The actual exact point values may vary but the assignments will be in the following range:

Tests: 100 points

Quizzes: 30 points

Daily quizzes: 3-5 points

Homework: 3 points

Projects/notebook checks/other: points vary

Grading Scale: 90% to 100% A
80% to 89.9% B
70% to 79.9% C
60% to 69.9% D
Below 60% F

Attendance: It is imperative that you are present in class to be able to fully understand the material and be successful in my class. For this reason please try to plan vacations and other non-essential occasions during designated school holidays. It is the policy of NPA that **“Students missing 10% or more days per semester may lose credit or be withdrawn.”** This is roughly nine days per semester. If at all possible, students should look over the missed lesson in the online text before returning from an absence. This will make it easier to get caught up when the student returns.

Athletes and Students in Clubs: It is common for students who are absent due to extra curricular events to see a drastic change in their grades. For this reason athletes must meet with me before their absence to determine what they will be missing and make arrangements as to when homework will be due. Unless other plans are made **before** the absence students are expected to have missed notes copied, both homework assignments completed (the homework that was due the missed day as well as the homework assigned the day they were absent) and to be prepared to take the daily quiz the day they return. Extra curricular activities are a privilege and students must work diligently to keep up on their studies.

Homework:

You will be assigned homework nearly every class period. Homework will always be posted on my website which can be accessed on the NPA website. Homework will be reviewed for completion the following class period. Late homework will only be accepted one day late for half credit.

Any late or incomplete assignment will result in a lunch detention. Late homework due to an excused absence will be given the same number of days as were missed to be completed.

The answers to the homework will often times be posted on my website. You **MUST** check your answers before coming to class. As proof that you checked your answers you have to **grade the homework in pen** and **write the correct answer next to the problem.** If you do not check your answers your homework is not considered to be completed, and you will be asked to come in during lunch or after school to check the answers.

Tests and Quizzes:

Please, Please, Please be sure to be present on test and quiz days. It is very difficult for me to get quizzes back in a timely fashion when I have to wait on students taking assessments late.

Students who are absent on the day of a test or quiz will be expected to take the quiz within a reasonable amount of time. Test or quizzes missed due to an unexcused absence will result in a zero.

Missed daily quizzes will not be able to be retaken and will instead be excused.

Family Link:

Grades will be updated on family link in a timely manner. Students and parents are encouraged to monitor progress often to maintain a true understanding of the student's progress in the class.

Rules:

- Be courteous and respectful to others.
- Make effective use of every minute of every class period
- Cheating. If you are caught cheating you will receive a zero of the assignment.
- You will be allowed to listen to music devices during times of independent work (NOT DURING LESSONS) as long as the student has turned in all assignments for that chapter.

****I RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THIS SYLLABUS AS NEEDED***

Dear Parents,

My name is Paul Gallagher and I will be your child's math teacher. I am very excited to start this school year. I graduated from Northern Arizona University with a BSED in Mathematics and this is currently my seventh year at NPA. It brings me joy to be able to teach your children at this wonderful school.

Be assured that I will work diligently to provide your child with a thorough understanding of the subject matter. In order for your child to thrive in their studies it is not only imperative that they are present in my class as much as possible, but also that they have a support system at home. Along with a structured "at home" educational extension it is very important for there to be an open line of communication between parents and teachers. For this reason, please do not hesitate to contact me with any question you have in regards to your child's progress in my class.

I look forward to meeting you!

Please sign below stating that you read the attached syllabus.

Students Name: (please print) _____

Parents Signature: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Helpful hints as to how parents can ensure their student's success.

- Encourage student to read over missed section in the book when they are absent.
- Ask student if they have checked their answers to the homework online.
- Set a time each week to look over student's grades on FamilyLink with them.
- Encourage student to come in for help when needed.