**Algebra 1 (10-12)**

Oak Ridge High School

2018-2019

**Teacher**: Megan Watson

**Room**: I-2

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**Class Website**: watsonorhs.weebly.com

**Extra Help**: I will be available for extra help during lunch on Tuesday and Thursday or by appointment. Please do not hesitate to send me an email or come in and visit me if you have any questions or concerns.

**Course Description:**

Welcome to Algebra 1 (10-12)!  This course, which is equivalent to Algebra 1, provides the essential foundation for all levels of math.  Practice and mastery of arithmetic skills will be emphasized in each lesson in preparation for all future math courses.  Throughout the school year, we will cover a variety of topics, such as: graphing, solving equations, ratios, and probability.  This course also incorporates standards from the California Common Core State Standards. I am here to help support you throughout the year. You are my priority. Looking forward to a great year!

**Class Expectations:**

* RESPECT – the teacher, your classmates, your classroom, yourself.
* Come prepared (Arrive on time, have all assignments completed. Use bathroom before entering classroom.)
* Be polite (Speak respectfully to teachers and students.  Do not disrupt another student’s learning.)
* Be productive (Complete all warm-ups and assignments on time. Be an active learner. Take notes.  No distractions. No sleeping.)
* No sticky food or drinks allowed.
* Follow all Oak Ridge rules including the Honor Code.
* Unless otherwise instructed by the teacher, students shall turn off, not use, and keep out of sight cell phones and other signaling devices during the class period. Furthermore, any listening, recording, or videotaping of peers, teachers, or visitor to the classroom without prior consent is prohibited. Consequences follow ORHS policy as stated in student handbook.
* Failure to adhere to the cell phone policy will result in a referral to the office as well as “device exile” until the next grading period begins.
* Cheating will not be tolerated. The school’s policy on cheating will be followed. A *Breach of Integrity* will be given and reported to the student, parent, and school administration for cheating on any test, quiz, or assignment. A grade of zero will also be given on the assignment.

**Suggested Materials:**

* 3-ring binder with sections for Warm-Ups, Notes, Assignments, Tests/Quizzes
* lined college ruled/graph paper
* pencil/eraser/highlighter
* colored pen (not black or blue)
* calculator (NO phone calculators allowed)

**Grading:**

Grading Scale Grade Percentage Breakdown

A 90 – 100% Assignments 15%

B 80 – 89% Standardized Skill Tests 15%

C 70 – 79% Tests and Quizzes 40%

D 60 – 69 % Soft Skills 10%

F Below 60 % Final Exam 20%

***Standard Quizzes:***  These 5 point problems are given periodically throughout each semester.  Students will have multiple times to achieve success on the same CA Algebra standard.  I will take the top 2 scores and apply that towards their grade basing it off a total of 10 points.

***Soft Skills*:** Skills including collaboration, work readiness, tardiness, behavior/attitude, work ethic and motivation/initiative. These skills are required for success in school and career and are developed through teamwork, professional behavior expectations, communication and collaborative assignments. Students will receive a soft skills grade for each chapter.

***Assignments:***  Practice Problems will be assigned daily. Assignments are to be completed neatly, on time, in PENCIL, and with work shown. All assignment will be posted on Ms. Watson’s website.

***Final Exam:*** A comprehensive final exam will be given at the end of each semester.

**Absences:**Absent work is given two days to complete for every day missed.  It is always the student’s responsibility to determine what they missed when absent. The agenda and homework assignments will be posted on Ms. Watson’s website. If a student will miss class for a sport or other school-related activity, any assignment, test, or quiz must be completed and turned in ahead of time unless other arrangements are agreed upon by both the teacher and student.

**Tips for Success:**

* Ask questions! This is the only way to learn.
* Come in and get help. Ask your peers and help your peers. Teaching the material is a great way to master the topic.
* Complete all assignments to the best of your ability.
* If your grade is lower than you’d like it to be, check your SST and Assignment grades. High scores in these two areas generally provide the foundation for improved performance on tests and quizzes.
* Do not be afraid to make mistakes. This is how we all learn.
* Please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns!

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**Please read, sign and return by the next class period.**

Dear Students and Parents,

I am excited to be a part of your school year.  It is my hope that with all involved we can make this year a great one for you.

Thank you for your continued dedication to your student’s success!

Megan Watson

*By signing this form, you are acknowledging you have read and understand the policies outlined in the Algebra 1(10-12) syllabus.*

*By signing this form, you also agree to follow the Oak Ridge High School honor code as outlined.*

*Failure to follow the honor code will result in an academic integrity report being filed.*

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 Student Name (print) Period Date

 Student Signature Student Email address

 Parent Name (print) Parent Email address

 Parent Signature Parent Phone Numbers (home, cell)