**Algebra 2**

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 2! I am looking forward to spending the year with you and exploring all of the topics of this class, including linear functions, system of equations/inequalities, quadratic functions, polynomial functions, radical equations, rational expressions, exponential and logarithmic relations, conic sections, sequences/series, and probability and statistics. We will be following the new California Common Core State Standards. This course is designed to prepare you to master the skills of Algebra to use in future mathematics and science courses. 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.)
* 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 5%

 B 80 – 89% Standardized Skill Tests 25%

 C 70 – 79% Tests 50%

 D 60 – 69 % Final Exam 20%

 F Below 60 %

***Standard Quizzes:***  Skill tests will be given covering Algebra 2 standards each week. Students will be given 7 attempts to pass each skill. Each question must be answered correctly 4 times throughout the quarter. The percentage received on this will be computed from the number of corrected passed out of the total number possible.

***Assignments:***  Practice Problems will be assigned daily and will usually be five or ten points. Assignments are to be completed neatly, on time, in PENCIL, and with work shown. Homework will also be assigned on mathxlforschool.com. All homework will be graded for correctness.

***Test:*** Chapter test points will vary between 90-120 points and quizzes will vary between 25-40 points depending on the topic and what is being assessed. Tests and quizzes will be based on the material covered in class. If you are unable to take the test on the day it has been scheduled, you will need schedule a time to make up the test with the teacher. Quizzes are an opportunity to LEARN the material. They will not count toward the grade.

***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. Find the missing worksheets in the absent bin and then ask Ms. Watson any questions about when you were absent. 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!

**Respect for All**

Oak Ridge High School is committed to the development of a sustainable school culture that is safe and welcoming for all students and is free of prejudice, bigotry, discrimination, and exclusion.  We are committed to creating a culture of respect, dignity, safety, and honoring the worth of every individual.

**Prohibition of Student Fees – Ed Code 49011**

1. All supplies, materials, and equipment needed to participate in educational activities shall be provided to pupils free of charge   Ed Code 49011(1)
2. A fee waiver shall not make a pupil fee permissible Ed Code 49011(2)
3. School districts and schools shall not establish a two-tier educational system by requiring a minimal educational standard and also offering a second, higher educational standard that pupils may only obtain through payment of a fee or purchase of additional supplies that the school district or school does not provide. Ed Code 49011(3)
4. A pupil fee includes, but is not limited to: (a) A fee charged to a pupil as a condition for registering for school or classes, or as a condition for participation in a class or an extracurricular activity, regardless of whether the class or activity is elective or compulsory, or is for credit. (b) A security deposit, or other payment, that a pupil is required to make to obtain a lock, locker, book, class apparatus, musical instrument, uniform, or other materials or equipment. (c) A purchase that a pupil is required to make to obtain materials, supplies, equipment, or uniforms associated with an educational activities Ed Code 49010 (b)
5. A school shall not charge a fee that is not authorized by law.

Students may acquire the materials needed for the class by two options:

1. Students may have these items checked out to them free of charge.  Materials that are not consumable will be expected to be returned at the end of the class term.
2. Students may choose to purchase these materials on their own.  (examples: comp book, colored pencils, calculators, compasses)

**The Oak Ridge High School Honor Code**

Honor is about academic integrity, moral and ethical conduct, and pride of membership in a community that values academic achievement and individual responsibility. Cultivating honor lays the foundation for lifelong integrity; developing in each of us the courage and insight to make difficult choices and accept responsibility for actions and their consequences, even at personal cost.

The Oak Ridge High School Honor Code represents the integrity of its learning community and consists of persons who are:

* **Honest**
* **Responsible for personal actions**
* **Respectful of the rights and property of others**
* **Respectful of school property and environment**

**Purpose of the Policy**

The goal of the Honor Code is for all members of the Oak Ridge High School learning community to **live by** the code as opposed to merely abstaining from wrong doing, thus securing an environment where academic integrity, and the resulting behavior, can flourish. The Honor Code recognizes the importance of honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility and wishes these principles to be a defining part of the Oak Ridge High School campus.  Site and district consequences will be applied to any proven violations regarding the Honor Code.

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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 2 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)