

# Mediapolis High School

## Basic Algebra

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I am excited about teaching Basic Algebra this year. I try to keep my room lively and interesting so please don't be afraid to participate. I am always available to help with any problems or concerns during 2<sup>nd</sup> Block and 7<sup>th</sup> Block (first semester) for those who are looking for some assistance. Also, I am usually available every day before or after school depending on what sports I will be coaching. I hope you take advantage of these times if necessary. If these times don't fit into your schedule we can very easily set up an appointment for a time which may fit into both of our schedules.

**Bulletin Board:**

In the classroom there are three bulletin boards. The board on the west wall will have the Date, Day (A or B), Homework Schedule for the week, and the Quote of the Day. The board on the south wall will be used for athletic and extra curricular information. The board on the east wall will contain miscellaneous information.

**White Board:**

In the classroom there is a large white board. This board will primarily be used for classroom instruction, activities, and any information you may need to

know will be usually placed there. Please use this board as your resource and never be shy about asking to do problems or work something out on the boards!

**Homework:**

Homework should be handed in to the Homework area in the proper location after grading (unless told otherwise). Homework should contain Name, Class, Block #, and the assignment should be completely written out (No Calculators!!!!). I do give points for partially completed assignments, but late work is different. If you turn in a late assignment (for reasons other than an excused absence) you have the ability to receive half credit. **IT IS BETTER TO DO THE ASSIGNMENT LATE THAN NOT AT ALL!!!**

**Procedures:**

We will have very few Rules/Procedures this year!!! I hope that we will respect them!

- Enter the room quiet and ready for class with questions prepared if needed
- Raise your hand if you have an answer or a comment
- No Bullying
- Do what is asked of you
- Be Great and **DO YOUR BEST!**

**Grading System:**

In Basic Algebra we use a weighted system for the grades. Unlike a normal weighted system though, my class is weighted out of 100% but every student has the potential for a grade of 103%. This is because of the following:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Test	50%
Quiz	25%
Homework	25%
Extra Credit	3%
<i>Total</i>	<i>103%</i>

All tests will be averaged and the average will be the percent out of the total Test grade of 50%. All quiz grades will be averaged as well and the average will be the percent out of the total Quiz grade of 25%. As well as, all Homework grades will be averaged and the average will be the percent out of the total Homework grade of 25%, same also with the extra credit.

#### Test/Quiz:

Notice if a student does get a 100% on all of their tests, they will have all of their 50% for the test grade. But a student can not only do well on one category. If this same student refuses to hand in any assignments or take quizzes they will receive a 50% for the class, which is a FAILING grade. All students should strive to be successful with all homework, quizzes, and tests.

#### Extra Credit:

Extra Credit is available to help students bump their grade up. Notice, this is not an INSTEAD OF CREDIT category. Extra Credit is not meant to replace a homework, quiz, or test grade. This is a category meant solely to award EXTRA work. If a student completes 50 points of extra credit they will receive all 3% in this category. This 3% may not sound like much, but it is the difference between a D+ and a C-, a C+ and a B-, and a B+ and an A-. So it is important to accumulate as much extra credit as possible throughout the course of the quarter.

#### Website:

I post daily on my school based website. This website contains all previous and current homework assignments, as well as general information; Syllabus, Updates, Schedules, Extra Credit Opportunities, etc. Please use this as a resource!

#### Accommodations:

If you need some accommodations for anything, it is best if you notify me of this. We will then develop a plan for class.

**Grading Scale:**

<b>A</b>	<b>100 – 96%</b>
<b>A-</b>	<b>95 – 90%</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>89 – 87%</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>86 – 84%</b>
<b>B-</b>	<b>83 – 80%</b>
<b>C+</b>	<b>79 – 77%</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>76 – 74%</b>
<b>C-</b>	<b>73 – 70%</b>
<b>D+</b>	<b>69 – 67%</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>66 – 64%</b>
<b>D-</b>	<b>63 – 60%</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>59% or Below</b>

This will be for all grades recorded in Basic Algebra.

**Have A Great Year!**