**ALGEBRA I | SL SYLLABUS**

Ms. Anh Vo Tutorial Times: Tuesday and Friday @ lunch 11:05-12:05

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Room #: N213 No Tutorials: **Test Days**

Class Meeting Times: 1st , 2nd, 8th

Conference Period: 4th Period

**Course Description**

### The goal of Algebra 1 is to lay a foundation to all future math courses. Strategic Learning is an extension of Algebra 1 meant to support and extend the skills needed in Algebra 1. Students will be able to understand and appreciate the mathematics they are studying. They will be able to read it, write it, explore it, and communicate it with confidence and be able to use mathematics as they need to in their lives.

### ****Class Skills****

• Attention to detail

• Problem solving

• Critical thinking

• Investigating

• Conjecturing

• Predicting

• Analyzing

• Verifying

• Application

• Teamwork

### Class Goal

This is going to be an exciting year with mathematics presented in a way that is different than anything you have done before in a math class. If you give it your best, you will be successful in this class and show mastery of all the concepts by the end of the year. Your longterm goal of becoming a high school graduate is dependent upon this class. I am looking forward to helping you achieve this goal!

**Grading procedures:**

• Major Assessments: Each cycle will have a minimum of three major grades. If a Project is assigned, it will also count as a major grade.

• Minor Grades: There will be a MINIMUM of two minor grades per week. These may include quizzes, activities, and homework practice.

• Tests & Retests: If a student makes a 70% or below on a test, there will be one opportunity to retest. This retest grade will replace the failing test grade with a grade up to a 70%. Students should do corrections and attend one tutorial prior to retake. Retests will be held on certain days set by the teacher. No other make-ups allowed.

• Late Assignments: Late work will be accepted no later than two days past the due date for a maximum grade of 70%. Grade will be a zero after that. No exceptions!

• Academic Dishonesty: Students will receive zero for the assignment and a disciplinary referral if found cheating in any form.

**Absentee policy:**

Students are responsible for contacting the teacher when absent and review the Canvas course for missed lessons, activities, and assignments. Make sure to check Canvas every day to prevent falling behind in the course work. If you missed a Major Assessment, you must make it up during lunch within the first two days after you come back. If you miss a quiz, you will get a missing/zero grade, and it will be replaced by your test grade following the quiz.

* **Expected Behavior:**

Be kind and encouraging.

Have respect for instructor, peers and yourself.

Exhibit honesty, integrity, and exemplary character.

Participate in classroom activities.

Completing ***all*** assignments by due dates.

Be present and on time to class with all necessary supplies.

Participate in independent study groups (the first step to academic success and excellence).

Attend tutorials to work on course material and to collaborate with others.

Carry your weight as you work in groups for the class, especially in the Presentation Projects.

Utilize various resources which will help you better understand the material.

Leave Ms. Vo’s stuff in the same or better condition in which you found it.

Handle your concerns with maturity and responsibility 🡪 **please communicate with me prior to allowing a problem (academic or personal) get out of hand** – *I expect to know from you first if there is a problem or area of concern. Please do not depend on your parents to solve your problems!! You must develop mature independence and learn how to properly advocate for yourself so that you can do it when you get to college, and I am here to help you do that!*

* **Unacceptable Behavior:**

Use profanity (verbal, physical, symbolic or written).

Cheat in any form (including copying homework).

Be disrespectful, inconsiderate or generally surly.

Sleep in class.

Not take care of this space (trash, writing/gum on desks, etc.)

Have incomplete or non-existent homework assignments.

Be absent from class, **especially if there is a recurrence, or pattern, on test days.**

Remove ***anything***from the classroom which is not yours.

***Ask if there is any extra credit work you can do to “bring up your grade.” Use your class time well to learn!***

Tell me that you must have a “[*fill in the grade*]” for admission to a particular university, or college program, or for a scholarship. It is your responsibility to be in my room regularly, mastering the course material if this is a concern for you. Please do not ask me to give you this necessary grade when you have not earned it as this request calls into question my integrity as a Teacher.

* **Grades:**

Overall Six Weeks Average determined by:

Minor grades (Quizzes, Classwork, Homework): 40%

Major grades (Tests, Projects): 60%

Student Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_