

Algebra III

Each student is expected to show up for class on time, prepared with MacBook, notebook, pencil, and completed homework assignment.

Supplies:

3-Ring Binder Loose-Leaf Paper Pencils (all work MUST be done in pencil)

Study Tips:

Unlike previous math courses, the tests and quizzes that you take in this course require you to constantly apply concepts to new situations rather than merely reproduce homework problems. Although working with peers on sample problems can be helpful, be sure that you yourself can read a problem, and know how to approach it. Be cautious of how much you rely on your peers when working on problems, because the ideas and insight need to come from you and only you when working the tests and quizzes.

Notebook:

Your notebook should be used to study from and keep all important materials for this class. A notebook is to be maintained daily. Notes should reflect what is covered in class. Pages should be labeled and dated. You are responsible for any notes missed due to absence, and must have them before coming for extra help. You will need the following sections in your notebook: DO-NOWS, NOTES, HOMEWORK, STUDY GUIDES, and QUIZZES.

Do-Now Assignments:

There will be a Do-Now assignment on the board or on Canvas at the beginning of each block. You should begin this as soon as you arrive in class. A grade will be given each nine weeks on these assignments.

Homework:

Homework will be assigned on a REGULAR basis. All homework is due the following class unless otherwise stated (NO EXCEPTIONS!) Homework will be checked at the beginning of class, and will not be accepted if handed in at the end of class. A majority of the homework will be done online using MyMathLab. We will discuss the use of this tool during class.

Homework that is be turned in on paper: To receive credit, you must show that an effort was put forth, and show as much work as possible. A list of answers is NOT acceptable! Homework will be graded on the following 0-3 scale:

- 3 (100%) – Homework is ready at the beginning of class, and completely done to the best of your ability.
All work is shown, your name, the date and assignment are written at the top of the page, and a good effort has been put forth.
- 2 (75%) – Homework is not complete, but at least three-quarters of the assignment was finished.
- 1 (50%) – Homework is not complete, but at least half of the assignment was finished OR the homework reflects minimal amount of work and/or effort.
- 0 (0%) – Homework has not been done to the best of your ability, lacks effort, and/or is less than half complete OR the assignment is not handed in.

Online homework will be graded on the standard 100% scale.

Calculator Policy:

- It is suggested that you have a scientific calculator for this class. The TI 30XIIS scientific calculator is the most used in beginning college mathematics courses. If possible, please get one to use during class and at home.
- Calculators MAY be used in the classroom as an instructional tool. It is NOT required that you have a personal graphing calculator. We will be discussing how to use your MacBook to complete required assignments that will require a graphing calculator. If you have a personal calculator, you are encouraged to bring it with you to class each day.
- The use of a calculator MAY be allowed on SOME tests/quizzes.
- Formulas or any other information programmed into calculators during a test/quiz is considered cheating. Anyone who is caught doing so will receive a 0 for that test or quiz, and will be reported to the office. Calculators, when allowed, are there to help you, not to serve as a “cheat sheet”.

Make-up Work:

This is YOUR responsibility. Please carefully read this section in the Student Handbook. When you return, it is up to you to find out what graded assignment(s) you missed, and set up a time to complete that assignment. Always check Canvas for any notes, homework, and assignments before you return! **Remember, if you are absent on Monday, but come to school on Tuesday, then all work is due on WEDNESDAY!!!**

Tardy:

Being late WILL NOT be tolerated! Please carefully read this section of the Student Handbook. If you are not in the room when the bell rings, you are TARDY and it will be documented. If you happen to be tardy, the following consequences will follow:

1st Offense – Warning

2nd Offense – Parental Contact

3rd Offense – Parental Contact/ Third (3) tardy counts as one absence toward exemption

4th Offense – Office Referral

Grading:

Refer to the Student Handbook for the explanation of the grading scale, grade reporting periods, and exemption policies. Class grades will consist of Major Grades (66%) and Minor Grades (34%). Major grades include all tests at the end of a unit. Minor grades include Do Now assignments, homework, class work assignments, group work assignments, class participation grades, and quizzes.

Extra Help Policy:

ANY STUDENT THAT PAYS ATTENTION IN CLASS IS ELIGIBLE FOR EXTRA HELP!

Extra help is both encouraged and available. Extra help is a time to ask questions that you have prepared beforehand. It is your responsibility to make arrangements with me to come for extra help. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO ASK FOR HELP!!**

Website/Canvas:

On the GHS website, you will find my webpage. On my site, you will find this syllabus, and other important information. Please use this site, and other curriculum sites, to aid in your progress in this class. Notes, assignments, and additional tools will be available in Canvas. Check your assignments regularly!!