

Algebra I, Mrs. Melissa Kramer

Course Description: This course is designed to meet the standards for Algebra. This course focuses on linear, quadratic, and exponential functions.

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Extra Assistance: I am available for help Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fridays from 2:30-3:30pm.

The math department has an open-door philosophy. Should a student choose to see Mr. Blemaster, Mr. Barrus, or Mrs. Cousineau for assistance, please check their availability in advance.

Textbook: Savvas Algebra 1, ISBN: 978-0-93154-5 (2018 edition).

Classroom Expectations:

- **Be Prepared:** *brings all materials to class, on time to class, asks questions, seeks help before test*
- **Hold Yourself Accountable:** *completes practice/reading in a timely manner, actively involved in activities, cell phone is not used in class*
- **Exhibit Good Character:** *is respectful of teacher's time, is using appropriate iPad applications, is respectful of noise level while teacher is presenting*
- **Be Kind:** *cleans up his/her own mess, takes care of classroom materials, is quiet while others are taking tests/quizzes*

Hall/Bathroom Passes: For students to receive the maximum educational benefit, they should remain in the classroom for the duration of the period. Students are to take care of all personal business between classes, but will be given four passes per term for this class. Using more than these passes will result in a 15-minute per pass after school detention. Passes will not be granted during the last 15 minutes of class. Misuse or excessive use will result in refusal of additional passes. *Unused passes will count as extra credit at the end of the quarter.*

Cell phones: Cell phones are to be set to silent during class and are kept in a pocket, not out on the desk.

Cell phones are not to be used during lectures or tests. Should a student choose to have a cell phone out during my class, s/he will be asked to place it on my desk. Failure to comply will result in a disciplinary referral (insubordination) and consequences.

Calculators: Much of my course involves learning how to use a digital graphing calculator. While the SAT series will have Desmos built into the assessment beginning in 2024, handheld graphing calculator can also be used in class. I will model concepts using both platforms (TI handheld calculator and Desmos).

Grading: Laingsburg High School's grading scale

A: 94+	B: 83-86	C: 73-76	D: 63-66
A-: 90-93	B-: 80-82	C-: 70-72	D-: 60-62
B+: 87-89	C+: 77-79	D+: 67-69	F: 59 and below

Semester Breakdown: Each semester has the following breakdown

1st (or 3rd) term: 45% weight 2nd (or 4th) term: 45% weight Semester Exam: 10% weight

Grading Procedure: Students' grades for each term are made up of two components:

- Tests/projects: 80% of total score
 - Quizzes/practice/classwork/homework/writings: 20% of total score
- The two lowest quiz/practice/classwork scores will be dropped each quarter

Missing Assignments: Students are expected to complete practice assignments (i.e. homework) in a timely manner so they can take an active part in their learning. Homework that is turned in will usually be scored on an effort basis. Late homework will earn up to half-credit.

Missing Tests/Assessments: Students are expected to complete a unit assessment on the scheduled date. If a student is absent on "test day", they must schedule their make up day with me. I do my best to return assessments to the class the next day; missing assessment delay the return. Therefore, an assessment that is missing on test day must be taken within two days. Missing tests will be indicated in Power School using an "M". Failure to take an absent assessment within the 2-day timeframe will result in a permanent zero.

Retesting: *Retesting will NOT be offered this year. Instead, teachers may offer the opportunity to do test corrections to receive **up to half credit** back to the original test. Test corrections will not be scored if the student has missing assignments for that unit.*

Absent Work: It is a student's responsibility to gather all notes, activities, and practice questions from an absence. Students should first check the weekly calendar found on Mrs. Kramer's weebly page. Once a student returns from an absence, any activities not posted to weebly will be found in the crate labeled "Absent Work." Finally, an absent student may borrow Mrs. Kramer's notebook (or notes from another student) to complete notes.

School Policies: Students are expected to abide by any and all rules set forth in their student handbook, such as cell phones, disrespect and insubordination, tardiness, absenteeism, truancy and dress code.

I have reviewed these expectations with my student. Should there be an issue with my child, I encourage open communication between Mrs. Kramer and myself.

Parent Signature

Student Printed Name

Melissa Kramer