

ALGEBRA I

August 22, 2016

Dear Griffin Middle School Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! I am very excited to be your child's Algebra teacher and to be able to share my passion for math with them. I believe that by us working together we can make this a very successful school year. I wanted to provide you with some information, so you know what the expectations are for your child in Algebra.

Algebra I will help your child build a strong foundation for future high school mathematics and science courses. Since it is a high school credit course, it is also a very rigorous course. In Algebra, your child will be learning new skills to solve complex mathematical problems using multiple strategies. To become familiar with these skills, repetition and practice are essential. Therefore, homework will be assigned on almost a daily basis. The homework may include taking notes online (called a Flipped Lesson), practice questions online or on paper, or reviewing for tests. Daily attendance is also important for your child to be successful, since we are usually working on a new concept each day.

The best resource to help you stay informed throughout the year will be my classroom website, www.mshoskins.com. Here you can view my lesson plans, notes, video tutorials, homework, and other information. Another important website is the online Algebra I textbook from Pearson. The textbook can be accessed from the LISD website by clicking on, Resources, Students, Learning Hub, and Pearson Realize. Students will use their login for the LISD network to log on to the textbook. We will frequently do practice online, so your child is expected to bring their iPad to school charged daily. If they are having an issue with the iPad, they should still bring it to school for repairs. If your child is not participating in 1:X or is having their iPad repaired, they will have access to a classroom computer.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I will return emails and messages within 24 hours. If you notice your child struggling with homework or assignments, I will be available for tutoring before and after school most days. A pass from me or a parent note will be required for students to attend morning tutorials and my availability will be posted on my website.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year!

Warm regards,

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Syllabus

Mrs. Hoskins' Algebra I Pre-AP Contract

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENTS: Please initial each section in the space provided to indicate that you have read the information and understand what is expected of you.

_____ I understand Pre-AP Algebra I is a high school credit course and in order to receive high school credit I must pass Algebra I with a 70% or above.

_____ I understand Pre-AP Algebra I is a rigorous course and will require extra time at home to study and complete assignments.

_____ I understand that if my nine weeks average is less than 75%, I will be required to attend tutorials for the following nine weeks.

_____ I understand homework is not optional and failure to complete homework will result in a 30-minute detention the following day.

_____ I understand it is important to be in class each day and it is my responsibility to make up any notes or assignments I miss while absent. I will have the same number of days to make up assignments that I was absent for.

_____ If I do not understand a concept, it is my responsibility to contact Mrs. Hoskins or to come to tutoring for help.

_____ I understand there is a zero tolerance policy for cheating and I will not receive credit on any assignment that is not my own work. I will also not receive credit if I do not show the necessary steps to solve a problem.

_____ I promise to respect other students, Mrs. Hoskins, and Mrs. Hoskins' classroom at all times.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Please provide information for the best person to contact regarding this student.

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Preferred method of contact: Phone Email

Please sign on the space provided at the bottom of this page signifying that you have read and understand all of the items outlined in this contract. **Please return by Friday, August 26th.**

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date