

Timpanogos High School—Mathematics—Disclosure Statement

2009-10 COURSE DESCRIPTION AND POLICIES FOR ALGEBRA

Mathematics Department Mission Statement

We believe that math is important to understand the world we live in and to open doors of opportunity. As educators, we will strive to create a learning environment where all students can enjoy success. In order to achieve that success, students and educators need to attend, contribute and demonstrate good character.

Instructor: Mr. Frost
Course Algebra

Text: Algebra 1 (Cord Communications)

Pre-Requisites: Successful completion of Pre-Algebra

Needed Materials: A notebook is preferred with dividers; an ample supply of paper; and a pencil or two are necessary; A scientific calculator is encouraged. We will have some TI-83 in class; there are some to rent for \$20 a year. Because every math class beyond this year will need a calculator, consider purchasing one for you and get familiar with it. If you plan on taking many more math classes, a graphing calculator would be a wise purchase. I like the TI-83, and the TI-86. The TI-84 is one of the newest ones available. If you have another brand, it is okay with me as long as you know how to use it.

Homework: You can expect about 20-30 minutes of homework **daily**. It is due at the beginning of the next class period. You can expect homework nearly every day we have class, except for test days. Usually I refrain from homework that day. No homework will be accepted after the quiz on that section has been taken. Grades will be posted on Power School. I count homework as 30% of your overall grade. It is okay to compare your answers with other students, but it is wrong to copy either the work or answer. Asking questions and getting help is encouraged, but please don't cheat. Full credit on assignments is only possible when all work is shown (preferably in an organized manner).

Tests and Make-up tests: A test is given usually at the end of each chapter (sometimes sooner). You will have adequate time to prepare for it. I will grade the test and try to hand it back the next class period. Tests will count 40% of your overall grade. There are no make-up tests.

Participation: Tardy means your seat was not occupied when the bell **started** to ring. When I am teaching, if students are talking or listening to others, playing games, or sleeping, they may lose points in this area. Electronic media is not permitted in the classroom. Their use is disrespectful and rude to the teacher and distracts you and others from learning. If they are used during class they will be confiscated and delivered to the principal's office at a convenient time. A parent may pick it up from the principal's office. **We will adhere to the THS electronic policy.**

Absences: Homework assignments are listed on the web site, no student should have an excuse of not knowing what the assignment that will be due upon return should be. Quizzes (including participation) are given often, they count 30% grade, they may not be made up when absent. After the test is taken, no homework points can be earned for that unit. Please see me for extenuating circumstances. For security reasons, all tests must be completed within the class period. Extra time after school will not be allowed. Extra time after school will not be allowed.

We will adhere to the attendance policy of Timpanogos High School.

Grading: As noted, 50% tests, 25% homework, and 25% participation and quizzes make up the entire grade. At Timpanogos we have the following grading policy:

The goal is for all students to achieve success in this and in future math courses. Toward this end, the THS Math Department has set an end of term minimum competency level of 70%.

The grading scale is as follows:

A 100-93	B+ 89-87	C+ 79-77	F 69 and below
A- 92-90	B 86-83	C 76-73	
	B- 82-80	C- 72-70	

Please note that because of the 70% minimum level, there are no D grades listed. However, if during one of the first three terms a student's percentage is 69-65, for one term only, the failing grade will be replaced with a D- with the condition that the student receives a 73 or better for the following term.

Discipline: Although is not anticipated, please note:

For the first occurrence of unacceptable behavior, the student may be asked to wait outside my door, and later I will have a conference with the student only.

For the second occurrence I may have a conference with both the student and the parent(s).

For the third occurrence I may have the student dropped from my class and the student may receive a failing grade.

If you have debilitating or extenuating circumstances, please come see me or talk with me. I want to be able to accommodate you as much as is possible. I want to have a positive experience in this class.

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Please detach and return the bottom portion (filled out)

Student name:

Class:

Period:

Name of Parent or Guardian:

Home Phone number:

Best time to call (and work phone number if necessary):

E-mail address:

I have read and understand Mr. Frost's Disclosure statement

Signature of Student:

Signature of Parent: