

WHS Precalculus Syllabus

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Textbook: Sullivan; *Pre-Calculus: Enhanced with Graphing Utilities* (6th edition)

Attendance:

Good attendance is a critical component of a successful educational program, especially within a 4 x 4 schedule. When a student has an excused absence, the student is responsible for completing any work that was assigned during the time period they missed. You will have the same number of work days to complete the assignment as the class received, starting from the day you return to class. Students are also responsible for obtaining class notes from one of their peers or from my website snidermath.wordpress.com for any days missed. I strongly recommend that if you know ahead of time you will be gone (sports, family business, etc.), check the calendar for the assignments you will be missing. A student will receive no credit for work assigned on a day when that student has an unexcused absence.

Tardies:

A student will be marked tardy if he or she is not in the door by the end of the bell. Multiple tardies will result in consequences discussed student handbook. Students are expected to be ready to begin work immediately after the bell rings.

Notebook:

It is required that students keep a notebook in this class. I recommend that you have separate sections for class notes and homework. Not only will it benefit you to be organized, it will allow you to easily keep track of your course grade and serve as a resource for studying.

Rules:

In addition to the school rules and stated consequences listed and explained in the student handbook, the class rules are the following:

- Respect everyone in the classroom and their right to learn (VERY important)
- Bring required materials to class each day (pencil, graph paper, notebook, scientific calculator)
- Cell phones will be put away and off in class unless we are using them for a class activity
- No glass bottles

Leaving Class:

It is the student's responsibility to take care of any personal business before class begins. Each student will be required to sign in and out when leaving the room.

Extra Help:

I want each of you to succeed in this class, so PLEASE get extra help if needed. I will have a Remind.com set up for each class. Take advantage of this opportunity to interact with classmates and myself outside of school hours. You may also utilize the tutoring center after school. My posted office hours will be before school by appointment a.m. and TWR after school until 3:15 p.m. I have department collaboration meetings on Monday

afternoon. If these times do not work for you, please let me know and we'll make the necessary arrangements for you to get help.

Grading:

Grades are calculated using a weighted point system based on the following categories.

GRADING CATEGORIES	GRADE BREAKDOWN			
Homework - 5%	100%	A+	78 - 79%	C+
Quizzes - 5%	92 - 99%	A	72 - 77%	C
Tests - 70%	90 - 91%	A-	70 - 71%	C-
Midterm/Final - 20%	88 - 89%	B+	68 - 69%	D+
	82 - 87%	B	62 - 67%	D
	80 - 81%	B-	60 - 61%	D-
			59% & below	F

Homework:

All homework assignments must be in pencil, be in an easy to read format and include the appropriate formatting which I will review in class. LATE WORK WILL EARN A MAX GRADE OF 1 POINT. At the end of each semester, if you have an 85% or higher on your homework and you have an overall class grade of at least X9.50%, I will round your grade up to a (X+1)0.00%. For example, a 79.50% goes to an 80.00%.

Homework will be collected 3 to 4 times a chapter/unit and graded out of 4 points: Completeness (1pt) & correctness (3pts). This may include warm-ups, classwork & class participation

Quizzes & Tests:

Each chapter will have at least one quiz and a test at the end of the unit. If you are absent the day of a quiz or test, be prepared to take that quiz or test the day you return to class. The NO WORK = NO CREDIT rule will apply to all homework, quizzes and tests (unless permission from me is given). On any given problem, if no work is shown, no credit will be given to that problem.

One test re-take per quarter will be given. You must complete test corrections prior to taking the test re-take. If you attempt a re-take and don't earn a score you're happy with, I will throw out that re-take and you will have the opportunity take another one. However, on your second attempt I keep the re-take score regardless of whether it was higher or lower than the original.

NOTE: It is **your** responsibility to schedule any make up quizzes or tests and they must be completed prior to the end of the unit. In order to maintain the integrity of each test, they will remain in my files and NOT be sent home. You may come in at any time after a test to review material or missed questions.