

# Mr. Reed's Algebra 1 Class at a Glance

## Things To Do:

- ✓ Be prepared and in class - **On Time**. Get water and use the restroom **before** you come to class.
- ✓ Keep your books covered. (I will be checking for book covers when you least expect it.)
- ✓ Take **Dated** and **Labeled** notes of everything (including Examples!!!) written on the board.
- ✓ Keep all notes and assignments in an organized three ring binder with some form of pockets in it.
- ✓ **Label** all homework assignments. Please start an assignment **in class** and ask questions. Be sure to attempt all problems assigned and/or write questions about ones you do not understand
- ✓ Handle special requests **before** or **after class/school** not after the bell that starts of class.
- ✓ Please ask questions or come in before or after school to get help if you do not understand something.
- ✓ Use online resources found at my web-page at <http://HSEMathTchr.info/>

## Please understand the following about Mr. Reed:

- I emphasize important work skills like good attendance, being on time, diligence and preparedness.
- I expect students to abide within my rules so I try my best to abide within school rules and policies.
- I will do anything and everything I can to help a student that is attempting their work!
- **Education is a group effort between students, parents and teachers. I will be keeping all parties informed.**

This course is set up to reinforce Basic Math skills and to teach beginning Algebra skills and Problem Solving. Scientific calculators can be used in the class. The TI-30 Series calculators are recommended. You will learn to use your Basic Math skills and apply Algebraic skills to help you approach a variety of problems with a logical process that culminates in an accurate conclusion. These Algebraic skills will lead you to a whole new appreciation of Mathematics and how it can be utilized. If you are present in class every day, take notes of everything written on the board, and turn in all class assignments on time, and seek help whenever needed, you **will succeed** in this class. This class will be everything that you put into it.

## Attendance

You are required to be present and on time every day to class. On time is: In the classroom and walking to your seat when the bell is finished ringing. If being late to class or absences became a problem (two or more in a semester) I will be talking to you and/or your parents. I adhere strictly to our school policies for attendance.

## Binders and Materials – Worth 5% of Your Grade

A three ring binder that has at least two separate pockets dedicated just to math work is to be kept with the following materials in it at all times. You must keep all **warm-ups, assignments, handouts/quizzes, notes, this class policy sheet, blank sheets of notebook paper**, and anything else given to you from me. Each Midterm and Nine-Week Grading Period the folders will be graded. They will usually be worth twenty to thirty points. Please bring your textbook, binder and something to write with, to class with you everyday unless Mr. Reed tells otherwise.

## Quizzes – Worth 30% of Your Grade

Quizzes will usually be announced if they have more than five or six questions. There may be short pop quizzes over the assignment, information from the board, or reading from the textbook from time to time. Quizzes will usually be worth from ten to fifty points.

## Tests – Worth 40% of Your Grade

Tests will always be announced at least two days in advance if not more. The materials to be covered in the test will be discussed the day before the test. All tests will contain material from the current chapter and from previous chapters. Tests will be turned into a percentage and will be recorded on the following scale:

100% and up is an A+	83% - 86% is a B	70% - 72% is a C-
93% - 99% is an A	80% - 82% is a B-	67% - 69% is a D+
90% - 92% is an A-	77% - 79% is a C+	63% - 66% is a D
87% - 89% is a B+	73% - 76% is a C	60% - 62% is a D-

Below a 60% on any test is not a passing grade.

The above percentages will be taken after adjusting the total number of points the test is worth. There will be a test report for the students and to the parents after each test for extra credit to be added to the test score.

## Extra Credit

There is very limited Extra Credit so completion of all work is very important. The best sources of extra credit are Mathfax Tests and Test Reports. Extra Credit can only raise your grade one step maximum.

## **Assignments – Worth 25% of Your Grade**

You will have a class assignment almost every day. BE SURE TO PUT **YOUR NAME** AND LIST THE ASSIGNMENT ON YOUR PAPER. Please put your Name, Date, and Page Numbers (if applicable) and problems assigned on any assignment given, failure to do so may result in your assignment grade being lowered. **Attempt** all problems for the assignments which include showing your work or writing a specific question if you are confused about the problem, as you will receive points for effort as well as correct answers. Missed assignments for excused absences will be counted for full credit. I do not count any unexcused late assignments for credit.

## **Make-up Work**

You must make up any work missed due to excused absences in the same number of days that you were absent from class. It is the student's responsibility to get all make-up work and assignments from the class web-page, ANGEL or another student before or after class. All work from an absence needs to be put in folders to be graded when folders are collected before each grading period. All quizzes and tests are to be made up before or after school unless special circumstances exist and I am contacted by a parent. Any work missed on a day that is an unexcused absence and/or cut will receive a zero unless **prior** arrangements have been made.

## **Grades**

A mid-term and nine-week grade will be given by totaling all points earned from each category and then using the weighting of assignments = 25%, quizzes= 30%, tests= 40% and materials and binder points = 5%. The semester grade will be a total of the two nine week grades and a semester exam. The semester exam may cover any material in the course that has been covered up to that point in the year and is worth 20% of the semester grade. Nine weeks and semester grades will be determined on the straight scale as mentioned above. Current grades for students can be viewed in the student and family access for Skyward

**I expect every student to treat others with the respect you would like to be treated with yourself. Dishonesty or Cheating in any form will not be tolerated and will be dealt with immediately and harshly.**

## **Disciplinary Action**

- First: I will talk with you and we will discuss possible options for changes (either you and/or I). This level usually is a simple warning or actions such as a seat change for you.
- Second: I will inform your parents at home or at work of the trouble we are having and how we have tried to resolve the problem up to this point. I will ask them for help on how to resolve the problem. You and I may have a conference with your school guidance counselor to help resolve the problem.
- Third: You, your parents and your school guidance counselor will have a conference with me to write a specific student/teacher contract to resolve the trouble we are having in the class.
- Finally: You will be referred to the Deans with a recommendation of severe disciplinary action and/or possible removal from the class. This action may include grade penalties if removed.

## **Other Information**

If you need to use the restroom or get a drink of water please do so before or after class. You have two free **Emergency passes** per nine-week grading period. After that you will have to make arrangements with me to work out other passes. Any unused emergency passes not used will be counted for extra credit.

Please stay in your seat when the bell rings. I will finish any instructions and dismiss the class.

Chewing gum is allowed if I do not see it (bubbles being blown) or hear it (gum popping). If I see it or hear it, the gum goes in the trash. No suckers allowed.

NO EATING OR DRINKING ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM\* (Other than water in **CLEAR** water bottles)

No audio devices, hats or sunglasses are to be worn in class please and all clothes must be appropriate and worn properly\*.

Please do not do personal grooming (hair, nails, make-up, or other personal hygiene) in the classroom

\* Denotes I am strictly following school policies

**Have a good year and most of all, if you do not understand: ASK QUESTIONS!!**

**Every human being has the potential to succeed. All you have to do is TRY YOUR BEST!**

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