

Algebra II

Fall 2020 (ONLINE)

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I. Resources & Materials

Required Materials

Required materials must be brought to class everyday.

- Pencil(s)
- Lined Paper
- Chromebook / Computer
- Eraser(s)
- Notebook/Binder/Folder
- Internet Access

Class Website

All important information including a summary of each day's lesson, homework assignments, notes, and more are available daily at mxepstein.com. Students and parents are encouraged to check the website frequently to stay up to date with the latest activities and assignments.

II. Grades & Evaluations

Grading Summary

Letter grades are calculated as A=90%-100%, B=80%-89%, C=70%-79%, D=60%-69%, F=0%-59%. The breakdown showing how your final grade is calculated is shown below.

Semester Grade		Quarter Grade	
1 st Quarter	40%	Tests/Quizzes (TQ)	40%
2 nd Quarter	40%	Class Assignments (CA)	25%
Final Exam	20%	Bellwork (BW)	25%
		Champion Points (CP)	10%

All graded assignments will be posted on mxepstein.com and graded via PowerSchool. We will not be using Google Classroom to grade assignments. All late work should be submitted via the late work form on mxepstein.com/links.

Tests & Quizzes (TQ)

Tests and quizzes are an important part of evaluating student progress, and contribute greatly to a student's final grade (see above). Any student who misses a test/quiz has one week from the original test date to make up that test.

Class Assignments (CA)

Class assignments include things like homework, in-class work, and participation. Earning participation points involves asking questions, helping classmates, and participating in activities.

Bellwork (BW)

Bellwork is an assignment that is given at the beginning of the class period.

Champion Points (CP)

Champion Points are extra assignments and puzzles that should be done only when all other work is completed. All extra credit assignments fall into this category.

III. Expectations

Classroom Environment

Students are expected to be respectful and to be on task. Please treat your fellow students, and your teachers, in the same way that you yourself would like to be treated. Students are also expected to have an open mind, and to be actively engaged in the topics we will be exploring. This expectation applies to all online “places” where we will be congregating and working. Distractions such as cellphones and other devices should be put away.

Attendance

Students are expected to be logged into the Classroom by the time the bell rings for the start of that class. In most cases attendance is recorded by students’ having started the day’s bellwork assignment. Students who are absent should email the teacher to find out what they missed.

Copying & Cheating

Many assignments and activities require teamwork and cooperation among students, but some do not. Tests and quizzes in particular are meant to evaluate an individual student’s ability, not the ability of their neighbors. Any student caught cheating, or suspected of cheating, will receive a zero on that assignment/quiz/test. Further action may also be taken on the student who was being copied so make sure that your test/quiz is not visible to the students around you.

IV. Online Places and Resources

mxepstein.com

All information, assignments, announcements, etc will be posted to mxepstein.com. Students should use this website as their primary resource for information.

@fwusd8.org Email

Students are expected to check their email accounts regularly for important updates and information as well as to communicate with the teacher.

The Classroom

Students should join the class during the appropriate period by using “The Classroom” link on mxepstein.com/links

Late Work

After you have completed and late work please let me know that you have completed the assignments by using the “Late Work / Grade Questions” form on mxepstein.com/links.

Google Classroom

In addition to mxepstein.com assignments will also be posted to Google Classroom. This is offered as a way for students to stay organized. However Google Classroom will not be used for grading or giving feedback for specific work.

Power School

All grading will be done through Power School. If you want to see which assignments you are missing you should look at Power School.