



Early College High School

Algebra 1 Honors, Procedures and Policies, 2021-22

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Course Description: Algebra 1 Honors is the foundation of high school mathematics courses and is a STAAR End-of-Course tested subject. It is the bridge from the concrete to the abstract study of mathematics. Topics include simplifying expressions, evaluating and solving equations and inequalities, graphing relations, linear, quadratic, and exponential functions, factoring, and translations. Real-world applications are presented within the course content and a functions approach is emphasized.

Honors Mathematics courses are intended to be more challenging than standard courses and provide multiple opportunities for students to take greater responsibility for their learning. Honors Mathematics courses should be distinguished by a difference in the quality of the work expected rather than merely by the quantity of work required. However, students and parents should EXPECT, and plan for, a homework assignment EVERY class period.

Classroom Rule/Procedures/Discipline

One Main RULE is RESPECT or “Do the Right Thing”

Everything falls under this 1 rule!!

1. Be Prompt.

Enter classroom in a **MATURE** manner. Prepare desk with necessary materials and get to work on warm-up or checking HW. Turn in ALL assignments on due dates.

2. Be Prepared.

Bring your 3-ring binder (Algebra 1 Honors **ONLY**), paper, pencil, and **COMPLETED** assignments.

3. Be Attentive.

Please remember the classroom is **NOT** a place for food, drinks, or personal grooming.

4. Be Considerate.

Do not talk or get out of your seat without permission. Keep your work area neat and clean. Please comply with all district, campus, and classroom rule and procedures.

Consequences

1 st time:	Verbal Warning
2 nd time:	Parent Contact
3 rd time:	Office Referral
Severe Disruption:	Immediate office referral

All students have a right to an opportunity for an education.

Disruptive behavior represents a violation of this right and will not be tolerated.

REMEMBER

Be where you are supposed to be!!

Do what you are supposed to be doing!!

- School Supplies:**
- Binder (1 ½ to 2 inches, use exclusively for Algebra 1 Honors class) with 5 dividers
 - Pencils and hand-held pencil sharpener
 - Erasers
 - Notebook paper and Graph paper (in binder)
 - Tissues (optional, but appreciated)
 - Pen for grading, bright color but not red or pink
 - 4-pack of AAA batteries (optional, but appreciated)
 - ***TI-84 Plus graphing calculator (optional: I have a classroom set for student use, but it is very helpful for students to have one at home for HW completion.)***

- Grading Policy:**
- 60% Tests and Projects
 - 40% Homework, Class Work/Participation, POP Quizzes, and Quizzes

BECHS Math Department Guidelines:

1. Work must be shown to receive credit.
2. Work must be organized and written neatly **INCLUDING** name on all assignments.
3. Assignments must be submitted when due. I will follow BISD handbook guidelines for late and make-up work due to absences.
4. ***On test days, cell phones will be collected prior to distributing tests*** and returned to students once testing is complete.

Make-Up work is the responsibility of the student. Make-up tests will be scheduled for after-school. Students have as many days as they were absent plus one day to turn in any missed assignments. After that date, zeros are recorded for missing work.

Binders are intended to be a tool for your benefit to help keep you organized. Good organization is key to success. You should bring your binder and other supplies to class every day. ***Your Algebra 1 binder, with all assignments and quick reference materials, will be graded at the end of EACH grading period.***

Academic Dishonesty of any kind, with respect to examinations, written assignments, homework, in or out of class, shall be considered cheating. It is the responsibility of the student to abstain from cheating, to avoid the appearance of cheating, and to guard against making it possible for others to cheat. A grade of zero will be given if you are caught cheating.

CHEATING: This will result in a zero, a referral, and a meeting with your parents in which you will be issued an academic warning. All work should be done independently unless you are told directly that you may work together.

The following statements provide further clarification regarding academic dishonesty.

"In an attempt to clarify possible misunderstandings, Institute faculty and staff have developed some definitions and examples of two types of academic dishonesty: cheating and plagiarism. Cheating is defined as the giving or taking of information or material with the purpose of wrongfully aiding oneself or another person in academic work that is to be considered in determining a grade.

Plagiarism, or literary theft, is defined as appropriating the literary composition of another person, including the parts, passages, or language of that writing, and passing off the appropriate material as one's own. Plagiarism is the failure to give proper credit or citation to one's sources(s) of information. It includes the failure to use conventional methods of documentation for material quoted or paraphrased. Additionally, plagiarism includes allowing someone else to compose or rewrite an assignment for a student. Some examples of cheating and/or plagiarism include, but are not limited to, the following items:

1. Asking for or giving another student information during a test;
2. Copying answers from another student's paper or intentionally allowing someone to copy from one's own paper during a test;
3. Using materials prohibited by the instructor during a test;
4. Either impersonating another student during a test or having another person assume one's identity during a test.
5. Changing answers on a previously graded test in order to have a grade revised;
6. Stealing examination materials.
7. Copying material, either exactly or in essence, and not providing appropriate documentation;
8. Copying or falsifying a laboratory or clinical project/assignment, including computer programs, in either disk or hard copy form;
9. Allowing someone else to compose or rewrite a student's assignment;

10. Stealing, buying, selling, or otherwise providing research papers.

As with other violations of student conduct, cheating and/or plagiarism may result in disciplinary action."

JA Nichols, Rules and Procedures, Pg. 4

Cell Phones ("Mrs. Pharis" SCHOOL POLICY): Refrain from bringing any electronic devices to class. If I see or hear a cell phone it will be confiscated, as well as any other electronic device. This includes, but not limited to, any cords, ear buds, or headphones. These devices will be turned into office and a \$15 fine will be required to retrieve. ***CELL PHONES are only allowed in the cafeteria before school and during lunch.***

RETURN THIS PAGE!!

Students and Parents,

I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year in Algebra 1 Honors!! I encourage and welcome parental involvement; therefore, please feel free to contact me if need arises. E-mail is always the best way to contact me (jnichol@bmtisd.com). Please remember this is a mathematics course with a challenging curriculum and a teacher with high expectations!!

DETERMINATION + HARD WORK = SUCCESS

Please sign and return this form stating that you have read and understand the information on the previous pages.

By signing below, all parties state they have read and understand Mrs. Nichols' classroom contract.

FALL/SPRING 2021-22 Algebra 1 Honors

Student Name

(print) _____

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Name

(print) _____

Parent Name/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

**Parent/Guardian E-mail: _____