

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND CLASSROOM RULES AND POLICIES
MR. KAZANJIAN – MATH DEPARTMENT – MONARCH HIGH SCHOOL—2007-2008
Algebra 1A

COURSE CONTENT: Algebra 1A is a course designed to develop the algebraic concepts and processes that can be used to solve a variety of real world and mathematical problems. The content shall include structure and properties of the real number system with an emphasis on rational numbers; variables and algebraic expressions; varied means for analyzing and expressing patterns, relations, and functions, including words, tables, graphs, geometric formulas, and linear equations and inequalities; solution strategies for simple linear equations and inequalities of one variable; relations expressed by ratio, rates, and proportion; coordinate geometry and graphing of linear equations and inequalities; varied solutions strategies for linear functions; data analysis concepts and techniques appropriate to identify patterns and make predictions; and algebraic notation using exponents, square roots, radicals, and absolute value.

TEXT: Prentice Hall Algebra 1 – Price: \$55.97

MATERIALS: Student materials for class will consist of math textbook, 3-ring notebook (labeled dividers for notes & homework), paper, pencil, graph paper, and a four function calculator is strongly recommended.

HOMEWORK: Homework will be given almost every night. Every student must keep a log on all homework assignments. All homework will be checked and gone over the next day. All work must be done in pencil. You will not be penalized for your mistakes in the homework. You will be penalized for skipping assigned problems. All work must be shown. Answers alone are not acceptable. Each homework assignment will earn 0 – 5 points. Missed homework due to an excused will be due by the following Friday. Late homework will not be accepted.

GRADING: Quizzes, tests, homework, vocabulary, and participation will be used to determine the semester grade. Classwork is part of the participation grade. Tests will count double the weight of a quiz. Make-up tests and quizzes will be given before school only. Every student will learn how to calculate their own average so that the semester and final grades will not be a surprise.

GRADING SYSTEM: Paper and pencil quizzes and tests will be given. Tests are worth double the value of quizzes. The mid-term and final exams will be paper and pencil. Their value determined by Broward County policy as a separate grade from each 9-week grade.

GRADING SYSTEM APPROXIMATE VALUES IN NINE WEEK GRADE

Tests 40%	Quizzes 20%	Homework 20%	Participation 20%
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ATTENDANCE: Attendance will be handled according to school board policy.

WRITTEN PAPERS & PROJECTS: At times you may be asked to write a paper or project regarding a math topic or have a written assignment within a math task. These papers will be graded and included in the averaging of one's grade for a given term. Writing across the curriculums is a school and county policy.

SCHOOL-WIDE POLICIES: I intend to enforce all school-wide policies within my classroom. ID's must be worn at all times and will be part of the participation grade. **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD/DRINK/CANDY IS ALLOWED IN THE ROOM, EVEN IN THE GARBAGE AS REFUSE.** This includes no selling of candy. Ipods, MP3's, TV's, and any other electronic device besides cell phones are not permitted in the classroom (**cell phones cannot be seen, heard, or used in class**) and will be confiscated by the teacher, or the student will be removed along with his/her banned item by security and a referral will follow. Failure to surrender the item will result in a referral under "Defiance of Authority" which is a more serious offense. Sleeping and prolonged inactivity is not permitted.

TARDY BELL: Students are expected to be on time to class. If a student arrives to class late (unexcused) and a test or quiz is in progress, no extra time will be given to complete the work. The school tardy policy will be followed. Tardy means not in the classroom when the tardy bell **STARTS** to ring. Tardies do affect participation grade.

DIMISSAL BELL: The bell at the end of the period is a signal to me to dismiss the class when I am ready. I will do this immediately, if everyone is in his/her assigned seat, and if I am not in the middle of a sentence.

MISCELLANEOUS PASSES: Take care of your bathroom business between classes. **ONLY** emergency bathroom passes will be given; make certain it is, in fact, an extreme emergency. I will not allow any student to leave the classroom while I am teaching the lesson. **NO PASSES WILL BE GIVEN THE FIRST OR LAST TEN MINUTES OF CLASS FOR ANY REASON.**

TEACHER PASSES: If a teacher wants you to miss **MY** class or any portion of it for **ANY** reason, do not assume that this will be fine with me. Check with me **FIRST!** I **DO** have the option to say "yes" or "no" **BEFORE** you miss my class. If you are all caught up or are ahead of the class, and if you have given me no reason to say "no", I will more than likely be happy to reward your good behavior and help out the other teacher. However, if you think it will be easier to ask forgiveness than to get permission...forget it! Your absence will be recorded as unexcused and **WILL STAY UNEXCUSED!!!**