

## CLASSROOM POLICIES

### Pre-Calculus

Room 2625, Ms. Hamilton

Welcome to Pre-Calculus! I hope you had a great summer, and I know we'll have a great year. Here are the policies and procedures for class time and for grading. It is imperative that you follow each of these so that you can have a positive learning experience and can "get the most" out of your time in class.

Firstly, be IN YOUR SEAT with your book, paper, and pencil ready when the bell rings. All talking should stop when the bell rings, as we will begin class AS SOON AS THE BELL RINGS. If you are not in your seat with your materials ready, then you are tardy. At the end of class, stay in your seat until class is dismissed. Remember: the teacher dismisses you, not the bell.

For homework, you must WRITE THE PROBLEM and SHOW ALL WORK to receive credit for the problem. No work=no credit. I need to see that you understand the assignment, and showing all your work will help you to catch and correct your mistakes. Catching and correcting any mistakes you make early will make it a lot easier for you to learn the material. All homework is to be done in PENCIL. Again, this makes it easier to correct mistakes; besides, even Einstein used a pencil. Work done in ink will be -5 points. Write neatly so that I (and you!) can read it. Work that is hard to read (e.g. messy) may have points deducted. You should keep a math notebook or folder. You will need a binder or folder, notebook paper, and a spiral. All warm-up exercise and notes are to be done in the spiral. You may take notes in ink, if you prefer. Homework and other graded papers are not to be kept in the spiral; keep these in your math binder or folder.

DAILY GRADES are worth 40% of your total grade. Homework is to be turned in (into the basket) at the beginning of each class BEFORE the bell. Each homework assignment is worth 30 points. Sometimes the grade will be for the assignment collected, and sometimes it will come from a quiz over that specific assignment. These will be "pop" quizzes, so you should be prepared each day to be accountable for what was presented the class period before. Weekly review assignments are also worth 30 points each. Weeklys are due on Thursday/Friday of each week, depending on which one of those days class meets. Weeklys turned in on or before WEDNESDAY will receive +2 points extra. Late work will be accepted for 70% credit, but ONLY if received no later than the next class day BEFORE THE BELL; otherwise, no credit will be earned. Formula quizzes will be given occasionally and will be worth from 30 to 90 points each; they are also part of the daily grade average. Class participation is worth 5 points per day (not extra credit). If you are working on something else when you are supposed to be working on math, you will lose class participation points for that day. I will check your class notes at the end of each period to make sure you have kept an accurate account of the lesson. Failure to participate in the class lesson via incomplete notes will also carry a penalty of deduction of

some or all of the daily participation points for that day. At the end of the 6 weeks, you may turn in your graded papers for 10 extra credit points.

TEST GRADES are worth the remaining 60% percent of your total grade. We will normally have 2 tests per 6-week grading period.

**CHEATING ON HOMEWORK AND/OR Quizzes/TESTS IS UNACCEPTABLE. ANY STUDENT CAUGHT CHEATING WILL RECEIVE A ZERO (0) ON THE ASSIGNMENT AND MAY EARN A “U” IN CONDUCT.** Do your OWN work so that you can LEARN.

Students with NO absences (for school absences, you are “present”), NO tardies, and no office referrals for the grading period will receive a FREE 33/30 on one Weekly Assignment (of the student’s choosing) for the next 6 weeks.

If you know in advance that you will be absent, you need to come talk to me to receive the notes and the assignment. That way, you will not be behind when you come back. If you miss a quiz or a test, the make-up time is 6 a.m. on the next Thursday morning, unless I tell you otherwise.

NO CELLPHONE USE IS PERMITTED IN CLASS. If there is ever an occasion where they are needed, I will explicitly tell you so. Otherwise, your phone is to be placed in the pocket chart in the slot which corresponds to your number. If your phone is not in the proper place or goes off, the phone will be taken up and turned into the office. Multiple infractions may be considered defiance, which will result in detention or ISS. Similarly, there are no uses of smart watches, iPods/MP.3 players, Bluetooth devices, iPads/tablets, etc. permitted in class. During test days, any smart watches must also be place in the pocket chart for the entire period. Incompliance with this policy (e.g. dishonesty about possession of a phone for purposes of using it in class) is considered **defiant behavior** and will result in an ISS referral and an “N” in conduct. **You alone are responsible for your electronic devices.**

For those of you taking this class for LEAP CREDIT through Lamar University: your grades for Lamar are usually due about THREE WEEKS BEFORE the high school semester ends. This means that your high school grade and your university grade may not be the same.

To receive reminders and announcements from me:

1st Period: text @bewise1 to 81010

2nd Period: text @besmart2 to 81010

3rd Period: text @bekind3 to 81010

5th Period: text @begenerous to 81010

6th Period: text @bestrong8 to 81010 (yes, it’s an 8 and not a 6...the 6 code was taken)

7th Period: text @bebrave7 to 81010

**\*\*The instructor reserves the right to consider ALL classroom and grading policies and consequences on a case-by-case basis, depending on the situation and the student’s needs. Test and homework frequency and weight are also subject to change in the event of instructor illness, schedule changes, and/or the needs of the class as a whole. Students WILL be notified of any changes in procedure that could affect their term grade and/or classroom routine.**