



Integrated Algebra & Geometry-Honors

Expectations and Grading Policy

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Overview:

Integrated Algebra & Geometry-H is designed to prepare students for the rigor of their next course, Algebra 2/Trigonometry-H. As an Honors-level course, students will be expected to read, think, and discuss critically. A significant feature of an Honors-level mathematics course is the application of class concepts in novel contexts. In other words, students will be expected to solve problems using ideas learned in class even though they are not replicas of problems done previously.

What is expected of me in this class?

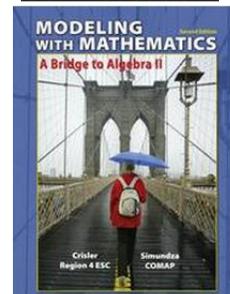
Each student is expected to...

1. **be respectful** of their classmates and their teacher both in and out of the classroom.
2. **be responsible.** Seek out help as soon as you start to struggle. DO NOT wait until the quiz/test day.
3. **be on time and prepared.** Be in your seat working on the day's task when the bell rings and have all necessary materials/supplies.
4. **put away all electronics before entering the classroom.** You are expected to give your full attention during all classroom activities. Cell phones/smartphones, portable gaming systems, digital music players, ear buds/headphones, and other electronic computing devices should be **turned off** and **put away** when you are in my classroom (unless specific permission has been given by the teacher). This is your warning! You will be issued a referral each time it is out from here on out.
5. follow all **HCHS rules and policies** in the classroom. Remember... character counts!
6. **Work hard and try their best in this class!** Stay positive, ask questions, and have fun!

What should I bring to class every day?

- 3 – ring binder with at least 3 dividers (only for Integrated)
(Please Label Dividers: Notes, Homework, Objective Checklists)
- Loose Leaf and Graph Paper
- Pencils, Erasers, and Grading Pens (NOT blue or black)
- TI 83 or TI 84 Plus Graphing Calculator
- 3 or more thin dry erase markers
- Textbook (most days)

Our Textbook:



What should I do if I need extra help?

When you get “stuck” on your homework, reread your notes and the section from the book first! Challenge yourself to think through the problem before asking for help. Take risks when solving the problem – it is okay to be wrong! Get your thoughts down on paper! You will learn much more from this process than just leaving a question blank. If you are still stuck, trying the following:

- Phone a Friend!** Combine your brain power! Talking about a problem out loud is a great way to help you figure it out! This also helps to develop your critical thinking skills ☺
- Go Online! Use Weebly** to help you through similar problems. (www.hchsmath.weebly.com)
- Come to Room 101!!!** I am available almost every day before school from 7:15 to 7:45 am and after school from 3:00 to 3:30 pm. *Occasionally a meeting arises and I will be unavailable for help, so please let me know in advance if you are planning to see me.* Many questions can be answered in just a few minutes, so PLEASE do not be afraid to stop by!
- Send me an email** with any questions you may have. I will email you back as soon as I can.



What happens if I am absent? → CHECK Weebly!!! (www.hchsmath.weebly.com)

All of our calendars, class notes, and reviews will be accessible on Weebly. It is YOUR responsibility to get all missed notes and homework from our class site or a friend. Please be responsible and communicate with me so that we can work together to create a make-up schedule that works for you. It is much easier to work ahead than to get behind in your course work.

How will I be graded? You will be graded according to the following scales and assignments:

My Quarter Grade	
Tests	50%
Quizzes	35%
Homework	10%
Classwork & Participation	5%

Percentage	Letter Grade
90 – 100	A
80 – 89.9	B
70 – 79.9	C
60 – 69.9	D
0 – 59.9	F

My Semester Grade	
Quarter 1	40%
Quarter 2	40%
Final Exam	20%



Test (50%) and Quiz (35%) Policy: (Total = 85%) Quizzes and tests will be given during each unit.

- Quizzes** will generally be announced in advance; however, unannounced quizzes can occur at the teacher's discretion.
- Tests** will be given at the end of each unit and will always be announced in advance.
- Are you available to review the day or a quiz or test?** Of course! However, it is important that you do not wait until the day of a quiz/test to seek out help. Remember to be responsible and prepared and seek out help when you begin to struggle. Priority will be given to students who have seen me for help prior to an exam.
- Calculator Policy:** You may not share your calculator with another student on these days. If a calculator is allowed on the test, I will typically clear/reset the memory on everyone's calculator before and/or after the exam.
- Students who are **absent the day before a quiz or test** will be required to take the exam with the rest of the class. A student who is absent **on the day of the quiz/test** has 1 week to take a makeup upon their return without any penalty. See me right away upon your return to arrange the make-up time and place. It is **your responsibility** to schedule your make-up with me.

Homework (10%): A homework assignment is assigned so you can practice and apply what you have learned from that days' material. It gives you the opportunity to practice without penalty. With that said, written assignments will be given daily. To succeed in this class, it is essential that you do all assignments in a timely fashion, and that you **arrange for help promptly if you are having difficulty understanding them.** You may find it helpful to form a homework group that meets regularly outside of class.

1. Graded for Completion: I will check it often and give 0 or 4 points based on completeness and effort. You must show all work and answer every question in order to receive full credit. Answers only will result in a reduction of points. Do not leave a question blank. If you do not understand a question, please seek out help as outlined before.
2. Graded for Accuracy: On occasion, homework problems will be collected and graded more thoroughly. Other times, you will be given a "Homework Check" that will assess you on your understanding of a particular question from your homework. These assignments are graded for accuracy rather than completion so that you can demonstrate your understanding of a particular concept.

Participation (5%): You will regularly be assessed on classroom participation (active involvement, contributing to class discussion & group work, being prepared, etc.)