

Algebra I Syllabus

Magna Vista High School

701 Magna Vista School Rd. Ridgeway, VA 24148

Contact Information

Mr. Samuel Suite

Room #23

Email: samuel.suite@henry.k12.va.us

Course Description

Algebra I is the foundation course for all future courses in mathematics; it is the very heart of every subsequent math class. In Virginia, all students must successfully complete an Algebra I course and pass one mathematics SOL in order to graduate. The content of this course will include working with algebraic expressions, solving basic algebra equations, graphing linear equations, solving systems of equations, operations with polynomials, quadratic functions as well as statistical concepts including z-scores and the normal distribution.

Course Materials

- 3 Ring Binder
- 1 subject notebook
- 6 binder tabs
- Paper Calculator
- Pens/Pencils
- Calculator (Provided)

Expectations for Success

Students will be provided with multiple handouts throughout the course. It is the responsibility of the students to keep track of these and bring them to class when needed.

- Good attendance is imperative in order to be successful in an SOL class.
- All notes, assignments, and homework problems are expected to be completed; math concepts must be practiced in order to be mastered.
- Students should submit all work by the due date/time. Assignments not submitted by the due date will incur a 10-point deduction per day after the due date. Any assignment turned in 3 days after the due date will be taken for half credit.
- Each student should do their best at all times, be honest, and ask for assistance when needed.
- Communication is essential for success in this class. If you need anything, ask Mr. Suite!
- Respect and treat others in class, as you would want to be treated.
- All Magna Vista High School and Henry County School District rules will be enforced.

Attendance

Punctuality is an expected virtue in any successful workplace. It is the responsibility of the school to teach punctuality by modeling it ourselves and demanding it from students. The Magna Vista tardy and attendance policy will be strictly followed. Along with the attendance and tardy policy, MVHS requires that no one leaves the classroom the 1st 30 minutes or the last 30 minutes of class.

Tardies:

- The first and second tardy will result in a verbal warning.
- The third tardy will result in an attempt to make contact home.
- The fourth tardy will result in a referral.

Absences:

- Students with more than two unexcused absences per grading period will obtain a failing grade of 59%.
- It is the responsibility of the students to obtain and submit an attendance appeal form to administration, if needed.

Assessments & Grading

- 5% - Attendance/Participation
 - Come to class and give me your best effort while in class.
- 10% - Homework
 - One homework assignment per week will be graded for accuracy, all other homework assignments are graded based on completion.
- 20% - In-Class Assignments
 - In-class assignments are formative assessments that create mastery for the material being taught.
 - Various forms of in-class assignments are presented throughout the semester.
- 25% - Quizzes
 - There will be multiple quizzes to be completed throughout the semester.
 - I will give a two day notice before any quiz is handed out to be completed.
 - There are no retakes on quizzes.
- 40% - Tests
 - 20% of the test will also be cumulative, reviewing material from previous chapters (Geometry material must be retained in order to be successful on the SOL End-of-Course test.)
 - I will give a week notice before any test is handed out to be completed.
 - All students are allowed a retake on their test. The average of the test and the test retake will be the new grade in the grade book. Example) Test 1= 50% and Test 1 Retake= 100%, the grade in the grade book will be a 75%.
 - Any test lower than a 60% must be signed and returned to Mr. Suite

Missing Assignments

- It is the responsibility of students to inquire about missing notes and assignments when returning from an absence.
- Students will be given three days to complete missing assignments.
- Missing tests and quizzes must be taken before or after scheduled class hours.
- Additional resources will be provided online to help students complete assignments.

A	B	C	D	F
100 - 90	89 - 80	79 - 70	69 - 60	59 - 0

Please return the bottom portion of the syllabus after it is signed by a parent or guardian.

<i>I understand these rules and agree to abide by them.</i>	
Student's Signature _____	Date _____
<i>I understand the rules and expectations for my child in Mr. Suite's class.</i>	
Parent's Signature _____	Date _____
Contact Phone Number: _____	
Contact Email: _____	