

# Pre-Algebra Course Syllabus

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Pre-Algebra is a foundational math course that prepares students for Algebra I. It is aligned with the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Pre-Algebra and supported by the Big Ideas Learning curriculum. The course focuses on key concepts such as exponents, functions, writing and graphing linear equations, inequalities, the Pythagorean Theorem, and essential geometry skills. Students will build confidence in their problem-solving abilities while learning to apply math to real-world situations. This course is designed to strengthen mathematical thinking and help students develop a solid foundation for high school mathematics.

## Classroom Rules:

1. You **MUST** be seated when the bell rings or you are **TARDY**.
2. **PHONES:** NOT ALLOWED in classroom or hallway. Phone must stay in the student's locker.
3. Be Prepared: Bring your Workbook, a Pencil, Grading Pen, and Math Folder/Binder EVERYDAY.
4. When you enter my room *PLEASE BE QUIET*.
5. Have a good ATTITUDE!
6. Treat each other with respect. **ZERO TOLERANCE FOR BULLYING.**

## My Commitments to YOU!

- I promise to do all that I can to help ensure that you learn the content thoroughly and accurately.
- I promise to treat you with respect and invite feedback.
- I promise to recognize effort, hard work and quality work.
- I promise to have patience, to be fair and to listen.
- I promise to provide choices when appropriate.
- I promise to provide you with a challenging and safe environment.

**Curriculum:** Each teacher has a classroom set of textbooks and each student will receive their own workbook. Textbooks will be available to checkout on an "as needed" basis which will be determined by the teacher. If a student loses or damages a textbook or their individual workbook, then the student will be responsible for replacing the textbook or workbook. The replacement cost for a textbook is \$115. The replacement cost for a workbook is \$20.

## Grading Policies:

- Major Grade (to be determined at the teacher's discretion) = 60% of Total Grade
- Minor Grade (to be determined at the teacher's discretion) = 40% of Total Grade

**Assignments:** As a general rule, the majority assignments must be completed during the class period. Students will be given ample time for completion. If a student is absent on a test day, then they are responsible for scheduling time with the teacher to make-up the missed test.

**Absent & Tardy Policy:** In the case of an excused absence, the student is allowed ONE day for each excused absence day. It is the student's responsibility for all missed work. See Handbook for more details. If a student receives 3 tardies, they will receive a detention. See Handbook for more details.

**BONUS WORK :** I do NOT give bonus work or give out bonus points.

**CALCULATOR POLICY:** Classroom calculators will NOT be provided. Each student must have their OWN calculator to use in class. Students will NOT be allowed to use scientific calculators.

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**Please return this page to Mrs. Dorsey. THIS IS DUE by  
TUESDAY, 8/19/25 and is worth 25 points.**

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I have read this course syllabus and will adhere to the rules and expectations in my math class.

Student(s) signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please PRINT your email address. Thank you.**

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_