

# ASPIRE Algebra 1

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**Conference Time: 7th period, 2:38pm-3:25am**  
**Courses Taught: Algebra 1, Geometry**



Welcome to Algebra 1! I am very excited that you are in my class, and that we have the whole year to get to know each other and work together to help you to be successful. Algebra 1 is a course where students will learn basic Algebra concepts and learn the characteristics of various other functions. Students will study concepts such as: linear functions, solving equations, linear systems, quadratic functions, exponential functions.

Remember, Algebra 1 is a high school level course, so you will be expected to take more responsibility than most middle school classes. This includes keeping track of homework assignments and studying for tests.

### **My Classroom Expectations**

- Be Kind
- Be a Hard Worker
- Be Resilient
- Be Successful

### **Entering the Classroom**

- Read the board for instructions
- You'll need your journal, a pencil and a calculator
- Have completed assignment on your desk

### **Tutorials**

Monday: By appointment only

Tuesday: 7:30am-8:00am

Wednesday: 7:30am-8:00am, 3:30pm-4:00pm

Thursday: 7:30am-8:00am, 3:30pm-4:00pm

Friday: 7:30am-8:00am

I will make sure I'm available as much as possible. Please come see me if you need to schedule a time outside of my listed hours!

### **Materials**

For this class, you will need:

- One three-ring binder for Algebra 1
- Pencils, highlighters, colored pencils
- Notebook or copy paper, graph paper
- Charged devices

## **Grading Policy**

Assessments (tests/projects)- **60%**

Daily work (weekly quizzes, learning opportunity completion, classroom assignments)- **40%**

## **Homework**

I believe that homework should be a learning opportunity for students to practice their skills, not something that they should be assessed over. Instead of a homework grade, students will be graded on their completion of the take home “learning opportunities”, and will be given short weekly quizzes to check for understanding. Students are encouraged to use whatever resources needed to finish their daily learning opportunities.

## **Makeup Work (after an absence)**

If you are absent, you should do the following:

1. Check the Google classroom to see what you have missed.
2. Pick up the work that you missed from the board at the front. It is arranged by class period. Check with me at the beginning or end of class for any additional information.
3. Tests will be made up before or after school during tutorials.
4. Students will be given as much additional time for makeup work as the teacher sees fit.
5. **Come to see me during tutorials if you are struggling, feel lost or are just getting behind!** I am always willing and ready to help you. Talk to me and we can always get a time worked out.

## **Reteach/Retake Policy**

- Each assignment will be allowed corrections/retakes based on the teacher’s discretion. Please see me if you would like to make corrections!

## **Late Work**

- Since this is a high school level class, you will be expected to turn assignments in on time. If an assignment is late, you will need to talk with me about filling out a late work form. No late work will be accepted after the unit test.

## **Tardies**

A student is considered tardy if they are not in their seat with materials ready when the tardy bell rings. According to the CTMS Policy, tardies will result in an immediate lunch detention.

## **Google Classroom:**

We will use google classroom for notes and assignments, along with videos (Upload content will vary from unit to unit). Every student is expected to join our Google Classroom.

# It’s going to be a great year!