Algebra Syllabus and Classroom Expectations

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**Classroom Expectations**:

* Have a positive attitude!
* Respect yourself and others – be polite.
* Participate in class activities – Come to class prepared.
* Persevere. Never be afraid to be wrong – that is how we learn.
* Ask questions. I am here to help you.

**Class Procedures:**

**Beginning of class:**

* + Enter the classroom quietly and go directly to your seat.
  + Read agenda on the board.
  + Tuesday – Thursday – put completed homework on your desk to be checked.
  + Begin Warm-up. Complete warm-up quickly without talking to other students.

**During Class:**

* + Please stay in your seat during class instruction.
  + When the classroom bell is rung, STOP, LOOK and LISTEN. Pencils should be put down and all eyes should be on the teacher.
  + Be Prepared: Bring notebooks, warm-ups, paper and pencil to class every day!
  + Allow everyone to learn. Do not interrupt instruction.
  + No eating/drinking in class. Do not bring food into the room.
  + Do not bring any distractors into class

**Cell Phone Usage:** The MCSD phone policy will be enforced. Cell phones/tablets are not to be visible on the person, or powered on during school hours. Please refrain from texting on your smart watches!

\*\*\*Chromebooks will be used at various times. Please keep these powered off until told to do so!

**Class Information:**

* **Homework**: Homework will be given on Monday for the week. STUDENTS MAY WORK AHEAD, BUT HW CANNOT BE SUBMITTED LATE. Homework will be checked at the beginning of class each day. Students will be graded both on effort and accuracy, so show ALL work and try EVERY problem to receive credit. Correct mistakes! ***PARENTS- Please check homework weekly. If your child is having trouble on a certain concept, there is extra practice available.***
* **Homework Grades:**  A 100% will be entered into the gradebook at the beginning of each nine weeks. Five points will be deducted for every homework assignment not completed.
* **Tests and Quizzes**: Advance notice will be given before a test and a practice test will be provided for homework on the night before a test. Quizzes will not always be announced.
* **Interactive Math Notebooks (IMN):** Bring your IMN to class daily. You must glue the foldables/notes pages into your notebook and complete these in class. I will randomly check these for a grade.
  + **Foldable Time Limits:** Time will be given to glue foldables into IMN. When time is called, students should immediately stop gluing and prepare for instruction.
* **Warm-ups**: Warm-ups will be worked at the beginning of each period. Students Must **ACTIVELY** work these. Students who are not completing warm-ups during the designated time will lose points on the warm-up quiz. \*\*\*\*Warm-up books are to be brought to class EVERY day. **A warm-up quiz will be given every two weeks.**

**Students will be given one copy of the warm-ups. It is the students’ responsibility to keep up with this book for the year. Lost books will not be replaced.**

* **Contacting me:** The easiest way to contact me is email. I also have a website with plans and homework copies. To get to my email/website, visit the ACMS website <http://sites.muscogee.k12.ga.us/aaroncohn/> and then click on “Our School.” Select “Teacher Webpages.”
* **Absences**: Missed handouts, foldables and homework will be placed in the Class Folders. It is the students’ responsibility to retrieve work missed. If a student misses a test or quiz, he/she should plan to make it up within 3 school days.
* **Grading and Evaluation**: The final average for the nine-week grading period will be computed using the following formula:

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| 80% of overall average | | 20% of average |
| Quizzes/Classswork | 30% | EOC Test |
| Tests | 50% |
| Homework | 20% |

**Parent and Student Portal**: Please check Parent Portal regularly. Also, students have access to the Student Portal and should keep up with their grades.

**Emails**: Parents: I will send weekly emails with a link to the class website. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.