

# Ms. De La Vega's Algebra 1 Honors

## Course Overview

Algebra 1 is a high school level course whose final grade will affect your high school GPA. The course will include an EOC which must be passed in order to graduate from high school. The course will cover linear, quadratic and exponential functions.

## Classroom Expectations

- Be respectful of your teacher, classmates and their property.
- No food or drink in the classroom except water.
- Be prepared with all materials and in your seat when the bell rings. You will not be given additional time for a quiz if you are late.
- No electronic devices unless approved by your teacher.
- Try your best each and every day. This includes taking notes and completing all assignments.

## Required Supplies:

- Everyday you come to class you should have the following:
  - Pencil (work in pen will not be accepted).
  - Notebook of any kind.
  - Calculator
  - Device with internet access capability (tablet, cell phone or laptop).
- Calculators are a necessity in this class. To best prepare for the Algebra 1 EOC, I recommend the TI-30Xa, which is available for under \$10. I highly suggest marking your calculator to avoid loss. Students without calculators will not be provided with one for quizzes and tests.

## Classroom Procedures:

This class will follow a routine so that you are prepared for what is coming every day. There are 5 main components that we will work on in class:

1. **Notes**
2. **Practice: Completed as a Quizizz and/or assigned as homework.**
3. **Quiz: Taken almost daily. Based on homework.**
4. **Review: Done the class period before a test and graded as extra credit.**
5. **Test: Taken at the conclusion of a unit. The last component is optional and will be completed at home:**
6. **Test Retake: Completed in online platform within 5 days of opening.**



## Grading Policy:

- Notes will NOT be graded.
- On rare occasions, homework may be graded and worth 1/2 a grade.
- Quizizz Assignments will be worth 1/4 of a grade.
- Quizzes will be worth 1 grade. As long as all questions on a quiz are attempted, the lowest grade you will receive is a 50%.
- Tests will be worth 4 grades.
- Projects will be worth 5 grades.
- Test retake scores will be averaged with your original test score to determine your test grade.
- Algebra Nation is an EOC practice workbook that will be distributed in August and assigned in January. Approximately every two weeks, the book will be collected and one section will be graded as 1/2 a grade. In total, Algebra Nation will be worth 5 grades over 2 quarters.

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## Attendance:

- Because of the fast pace of this course, daily attendance is imperative.
- If you are present for notes and absent for the quiz based on those notes, you are expected to make up the quiz the first day you return to class or you will receive a zero.
- If you are absent for notes required for a quiz, it is your responsibility to get the notes and make up the quiz within one week of the original quiz date.
- If you are absent for a test, there will be one day after school for all students who were absent to make up their tests. You must make arrangements to be present at this make up.
- Students who are absent for Quizizz assignments will receive an X in the gradebook. This will not affect their grade and they cannot make these assignments up.

## Test Retakes:

- Test retakes will be available after the original test scores are entered. You will have 5 days to complete the retake online. Make sure to press SUBMIT or your test will not be scored!
- Word of caution! Online test retakes sometimes ask for more information than asked on the original test. You will be expected to answer every part of the online retake.
- Your online retake score will be averaged together with your original test score and the result will be entered as your grade. For example, if you earn a 60% on your original test and an 80% on your test retake, a 70% will be entered as your final grade.

## Making Up Assignments:

- If you have to make up an assignment, you must make arrangements with me to make it up during lunch or after school. I will not write a pass for you to leave another teacher's class.

## Quizzes:

- Quizzes are based on the assigned homework. If you have trouble on a homework question, you may come to see me about it during lunch or after school any day BEFORE your quiz. I will not answer homework questions the day of the quiz. Do your homework in a timely manner to avoid any issues.



## Contacting your Teacher:

- For information regarding homework, quiz and test dates, you can check my website: [ldelavegaatjmma.weebly.com](http://ldelavegaatjmma.weebly.com)
- If you would like to contact me, please send me an email and I will get back to you as soon as possible. My email address is [ldelavega@dadeschools.net](mailto:ldelavega@dadeschools.net).
- If you need help with homework, I will make myself available after school on Wednesday and Thursday. I can make myself available on other days if you make arrangements with me in advance.