



### **What is Pre-AP Pre-Calculus?**

This course is designed to prepare you for a college level Calculus course. This course will have a fast pace. Keeping up with this class is a must!

### **Necessary Materials**

1. Pencils with erasers are a must!
2. Scientific calculator
3. A 2-inch or 3-inch three-ring binder with loose-leaf paper is the best notebook to keep organized. Tabbed dividers (10 pack) will help you keep your notebook organized.

### **Expectations of students**

1. Work only on Pre-Calculus during the 54 minutes of class. Cell phones or other electronic devices may be taken up and returned at a later time. (Cell phone policy in my classroom: If I see it or hear it, I take it)
2. Bring all materials need daily. (See above list)
3. Work all class/homework problems daily and give it your all!
4. All assignments should be labeled with the date and assignment so that you can use it to help you study for unit tests and semester exam. Each problem should have three essential parts 1) **P**roblem, 2) **W**ork, and 3) **A**nswer ( that is called **PWA**). Homework should be neat and easy to follow.
5. Expect your teacher to work in a coaching capacity, which means she will expect you to use a little “elbow grease” to solve a problem instead of answering you immediately.
6. Food and drink are not allowed in my classroom.
7. Work collaboratively with other students and teacher. If you are asked to work on a problem, jump in there and do your best to solve it! Be respectful of everyone’s ideas.
8. Ask for extra help, if needed. Schedule a time to meet with instructor or with a classmate in order to receive any additional help.
9. Each student will take semester exams.

### **Expectations of the Teacher**

1. Make every effort to make this course a very challenging, yet exciting course.
2. Vary the methods of instruction to include individual and group work.
3. Introduce each student to the concepts that will prepare them for AP Calculus.
4. Plan for adequate time to review all material so that students have an opportunity to put all concepts together.

### **Expectations of the Parent**

1. Encourage students to put forth their best effort in homework and preparation of tests.
2. Communicate to the teacher if there are any problems.
3. Encourage the student to get extra help when needed.
4. Provide an environment conducive to studying and doing homework.
5. Encourage the student to get enough sleep so that he can perform at his best the next school day.

### **How is the grade determined in this class?**

The nine weeks grade will be calculated as follows: 60% Unit Tests, 30% Quizzes, 10% Daily Work.

## TESTS

- ⇒ Each test will contain multiple choice and free response questions. Some test questions may be similar to classwork/homework problems, extra practice problems and quiz problems given during the unit. Some test questions will require students to assimilate previous and new concepts in order to solve a problem.
- ⇒ Each test given may have calculator and non-calculator problems.

## Quizzes

- ⇒ Several announced quizzes may be given during each unit of study. Quizzes will be timed and notes will not be used.

## Daily Work

- ⇒ Daily work may consist of group problem sets, individual practice problems, and homework. You will be required to share your classwork and homework solutions on a regular basis. Completing homework is a must and will be randomly spot checked for a grade.

## Semester Grades

1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks Grade- 40%

2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks Grade- 40%

Semester Exam- 20% (May not exempt exam grade)

## Make-Up Work Policy

- ⇒ Make-up work will be accepted for excused absences only. **IF YOU DO NOT BRING IN AN EXCUSE FOR YOUR ABSENCES, THEN DO NOT ASK ME ABOUT MAKE UP WORK!!!!**
- ⇒ When a student is absent it is his responsibility to get the missed work. Please do not take up other students' class time to inquire about what you missed. If you are out,
  - 1) Check the Make Up folder for missed assignments
  - 2) If you missed a quiz or a test, then send me an email to schedule make up time

**\*\*\*Students and Parents: sign up for "Remind 101" and you will receive information and updates about our class☺ Text @chspre-cal to 81010 and you will be added to the list.**

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\*I understand all of the policies, procedures and expectations for this class. I agree to communicate with Mrs. Medlen throughout the school year if there are further questions or concerns.

Students Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_