

Pre-Calculus

COURSE INFORMATION-Mrs. McNamara A306

EXPECTATIONS

Be Respectful

Show respect for your classmates and teachers.

Respect means that you listen when others are talking and never say or do anything that offends, hurts, or damages another person or their belongings.

Cell phones and Smart Watches will be collected on quiz/test days and stored during the class period. On any other day, if there is an educational purpose requiring the use of your phone, then you will definitely be able to use it. Otherwise, it shouldn't be seen or used!

Ear buds/Air Pods can be used during worktime in class to listen to recorded lessons or music.

Be Responsible

Bring your materials, be on time, complete your assignments daily, ask questions, and help your classmates.

Try

Always do your best! Be persistent, seek help when needed, and don't be afraid of making mistakes.

MATERIALS

Please bring all of the following materials. I will have your assignment problems up on the Smart Board during work time, so your textbook can be left at home.

- ❖ Note Taking Guide (I will hand this out to you. It provides a framework for notetaking.) and Extra Example Packet for the chapter we are working through.
- ❖ Post-it Notes
- ❖ Notebook or loose-leaf paper
- ❖ Folder or 3-ring binder
- ❖ Writing utensil
- ❖ Graphing calculator: TI-84, TI-84 Plus, TI-84 Plus C, or TI-84 Plus CE **is required**.

RESOURCES

There are some new/ different resources accompanying your textbook:

1. **LarsonPrecalculus.com** (Online location for CalcChat and CalcView as well as instructional videos going along with each section and pre-tests/post-tests for each chapter.)
2. **CalcChat.com** and **CalcView.com** (Online help for questions from your assignment.)
3. **Schoology** (Posting of assignments, calendar, important links, video recordings, current grade, worksheets, and extra example packets)
4. **Teacher Webpage** (important links and course information)
5. **Infinite Campus** (final grades)
6. **WebAssign** (Online textbook and online homework assignments or quizzes.)

GRADING - Remember to check your grades in Schoology!!

Your grade will be determined by your performance in the following areas:

1. Homework (20% of your grade)
2. Quizzes (15% of your grade)
3. Tests (65% of your grade)

Grading Scale:

A	93 & above	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	63-66
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72	D-	60-62
B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	67-69	F	Don't do it!

HELP... Don't put it off! I am available to help you before school at the Welcoming Desk at the 2nd floor entrance or after school, until 3:30pm. So come in right away when you need help. If you need to make other arrangements let me know. I am willing to try to be flexible.

Absences and Tardiness

- It will be **your** responsibility to obtain make-up work when you miss class. Use the weekly and daily assignment folders posted on my Schoology page to see what you missed in class. Even videos of the material I teach in class on a daily basis should be located in these Schoology folders.
- If you skip class you will receive a zero for all work due that day. You will not be able to make up the missed work, as outlined in the student handbook.

General Information

Class Notes

You are expected to take notes each day using your extra example packet/note taking guide. They will not be graded, but they will be extremely useful to you. If you are absent, get the notes from watching the recorded lessons on Schoology. You will not use notes on your tests, but they can be used on test corrections.

Homework

Homework will be graded daily. If it is turned in late, you will lose points! No late work will be accepted after the completion of a chapter. Please get into the habit of showing your work. Full credit cannot be earned if you don't show your work. Please see the rubric for more details. If you are absent for an assignment, get it from my Schoology page or from a classmate. You can go into CalcChat to see worked out problems from the assignments. WebAssign will also be used throughout the year to assign online assignments.

Tests

If you miss a test, it must be made up within a week or you will receive a 0. I will write your name on the backboard if you have a test to make up. We will have a test usually once or twice within a chapter.

No retakes on tests, but...you can come in before school, after school, or during a study hall to do test corrections. Test corrections involve using your notes and the hints that I have written down on your test to correct problems that you had wrong. You can earn up to 10% of the value of the test back without going over 93% by correcting these errors. (I also promise you that if you didn't pass the test originally and you make all of your corrections that you will end up with a passing grade on the test.) You may only correct your most recent test, so don't delay. It is a great way to fix your mistakes, and get a few more points for your grade.

Scoring Rubric	
4	Problems done with work shown.
3	2-3 problems skipped & / or some work missing.
2	4-6 problems skipped & / or very little work shown.
1	7 or more problems skipped.
0	Assignment missing.

Quizzes/Small Group Work

Quizzes and small group work will be assigned throughout a chapter to check for your understanding of the current material. You will always be aware of when these quizzes or small group work will occur. The problems on these quizzes and small group work will be very much like the problems you complete on your homework assignments, as well as what you could expect to see on your upcoming test. Some of quizzes will be assigned through WebAssign.

MCA/ACT Preparation

We will do preparation for these assessments throughout the year. This work will be included in homework and test scores.