

## RHS ADVANCED ALGEBRA 2011-2012

### MRS. ILIESCU's EXPECTATIONS

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**Website:** My Communicator site will be updated daily with homework, notes, and upcoming test dates

**End of Course ("EOC") Exam** A passing grade on this state exam is required for graduation. The exam will be given within the last three weeks of the school year. More information will be available as the state finalizes dates and test materials.

**Quantitative and Scientific Reasoning ("QSR" requirement)** This is a Lake Washington School District graduation requirement. To pass it, students must successfully solve a complex math problem and clearly communicate their solutions and methods. Students will be given at least two opportunities each year to meet this requirement.

**Portfolio items** Each class will have one designated portfolio item per semester.

**Attendance:** It is very important that you attend class. If you are not in class, you will have a very difficult time mastering the material. There are 3 steps to removal from class for non-attendance (see your student handbook). Any student with 10 or more absences (per semester) may be dropped from class.

**Tardy policy:** It is essential to start class on time with all students ready to participate. I consider students tardy if they are not in their seats when the bell rings. Students' 2nd tardy in a given semester will result in detention; the 3rd tardy converts to an absence and requires referral to administrator. See Student Handbook for remainder of progressive discipline policy.

**Cell phones and other electronic devices** Unless needed for a documented school purpose, electronic devices are not allowed in my classroom at any times. If I see it or hear it, I will take it. Confiscated devices may be retrieved at the end of the day in the main office.

**Materials needed:** Bring all except textbook to class every day.

- ✓ 2 Composition notebooks one for notes , one for homework (graph paper preferred but not required)
- ✓ Textbook: **Discovering Advanced Algebra**
- ✓ Graphing calculator  
TI 84 or higher
- ✓ Pencils, erasers, correcting pen, highlighters

#### Grading Scale:

A	90-100	Excellent/Thorough
B+	88-89	
		Good/Essential
B-	80-81	
C+	78-79	
C	72-77	Fair/Partial
C-	70-71	
D+	68-69	Poor/Limited
D	60-67	
F	Below 60	

#### Categories and Weights:

Homework/ Class Activities/ Notes	20%
Assessments ( tests and quizzes)	60 %
Test 100 points, Quiz 20 points	
Final Exam	20%

Grading is done cumulatively by semester. The grading breakout listed above is set by the math department and consistent across all Advanced Algebra classes. Updated grades are posted every Monday and can be checked on Standard Score.

**CLASS EXPECTATIONS**  
**DISCIPLINE**

1. Respect for all people in classroom - treat others as you yourself would like to be treated - no talking while others are talking
2. Always take notes and follow directions the 1<sup>st</sup> time given
3. Respect for school and people's property
4. **No food or drinks allowed (only water)**

**Consequences:**

**1<sup>st</sup> offence** Verbal warning, **2<sup>nd</sup> offence** Detention **3<sup>rd</sup> offence** Discipline referral (sent to office)

**Homework/ Class activities/Participation:** This is worth 20% of your grade. Homework will be checked and corrected daily. It is important that you come to class prepared everyday and that you participate constructively. Your participation grade is based on whether you have brought all materials to class, you are taking notes, you are correcting your homework, you are an active listener, and you are an active participant. Some of the class activities are going to be group or partner work. You will also be asked to present personally or as a group problems to the class.

**Note taking** Note taking is an essential skill for high school and college. Students' notes will be essential when studying for finals and for the "End of Course" exam. Therefore, student notebooks will be graded each unit, and students will be required to save all notes throughout the year.

**Assessments - tests & quizzes:** Plan on a test or quiz every week. Tests will be announced ahead time, check class calendar on my website.

**Make-up Work:** All assignments missed due to excused absence must be completed within three school days following your return to school. **Failure to take a test will result in a zero.** If you are absent the day before a test, **you still must take the test on the assigned date.** **An unexcused absence on a day of a test will result in a zero.** It is your responsibility to get the assignment and arrange for make-up work. Work missed due to unexcused absences cannot be made up. Note: Tests cannot be retaken. This is a RHS Math Department Policy.

**Academic dishonesty** Academic dishonesty does a disservice to the student, the student's peers, and the teacher, and will result in immediate administrative referral and loss of credit on the assignment.

*From the RHS Student Handbook:*

Any student who knowingly submits work of others represented as his/her own shall be considered to have engaged in academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty also includes the aiding and abetting of academic dishonesty of others. This includes the unauthorized use of electronic devices.

- *First offense:* Loss of credit for the assignment; parent contact
- *Second offense:* Loss of credit for the semester; short and/or long term suspension

**Resources and Extra Help:** Anytime you have questions, feel free to ask them in class. Asking questions not only helps you but may also help another student. After school (Mon, Tue, Thru) are great times to get individual help with something you do not understand in my class or to do catch-up work! Let me know ahead of time and I will be sure to be in my room. You can email me with questions, comments, and/or concerns at [ailiescu@lwsd.org](mailto:ailiescu@lwsd.org). I am looking forward to working with you this semester. Let's have a wonderful year!

*Mrs. Iliescu*

