

College Algebra 2020-20201

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Friendly reminder that this is a college level class and I would like to treat you like college students, you must understand that there is a level of commitment outside of class to complete the course successfully and EARN college credit.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will be offered as a dual credit course through South Plains College during the spring semester. Please see me or your counselor for more information.

Online registration begins on November 6 @ 8 am and ends on January @ 22 2 pm. Dual credit cost for this course is \$210.

Topics(including but not limited to): Linear, Quadratic, Rational and Polynomial equations, ratio and proportion, variation, binomial theorem, inequalities, complex numbers, systems of equations, determinants and matrices.

Tutoring Times: These times are the same for all of my classes, please keep that in mind.

- Monday - Thursday: 7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. & 3:55 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Friday by appointment

You are expected to have the following supplies:

- Pencils
- Composition Notebook
- A folder
- 1 pack of college ruled paper
- Chromebook (provided by district)

Textbook:

College Algebra, Blitzer. (2014). College Algebra, 6th ed . Pearson. ISBN 10:0-321-78228-3.

The school does not provide this as a student text. Since this is a college level course, the student is expected to purchase one on their own. However, I have found several online resources that are free and just as good as the text. Here are some suggestions:

- OpenStax App
 - Search Google Play Store or Apple App Store for OpenStax College Algebra Textbook and download it onto your phone
- A text by *Paul Dawkins* of Lamar University available for download as a pdf document -- bit.ly/mhscoalg
- *Khan Academy* (a very useful website for strengthening your algebra skills) -- www.khanacademy.org

Calculators/Composition Notebook:

- You will have access to calculators in the classroom but will not be allowed to take them home. You should be thankful for the use of calculators in this class. At SPC you are not allowed to use calculators in College Algebra.
- Each student will create a Composition Notebook at the beginning of the year. It is expected that you bring your notebook with you to class everyday.

Classroom Expectations:

- Follow classroom procedures
- Come to class on time, prepared to learn everyday
- Respect everyone and everything
- Use public voice

Grading Policy:

- There will be a minimum of 9 assignments each 9 weeks (this means about one-ish assignment each week)
- There will be 3 new grades each progress report
- District Assessments
 - We do not have one :)

Grade Sheets

- Students will receive a progress report at the beginning of each week. The progress report will show students all of their grades so they can see missing and low grades.
- Any grade below an 80 can be corrected for up to 80%. Students will be required to make corrections **during tutorials**. Students may correct grades to an 80.

Attendance Policy:

- Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course.
- When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the school or an official activity, it is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time
- Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Tardy:

- You need to be in your seat when the bell rings.

- You will be responsible for any missed work because of the tardy.

Google Classroom:

- You are expected to look for **ANY** missing assignments on Google Classroom, if you can not find them I can help you.
- Classroom code 1st Period: 4d4ptax (4, dolphin, 4, percent, towel, apple, x-ray)
- Classroom Code 4th Period: x4kny5l (x-ray, 4, knowledge, new, yummy, 5, learn)
- Classroom code 5th Period: tmfq4he (table, mother, fan, queen, 4, help, energy)
- Classroom code 6th Period: lxkitow (little, x-ray, keeper, indeed, towel, open, window)
- Classroom code 8th Period: knvoeej (knowledge, new, vase, open, envelope, empty, justice)

Disability Services Policy:

- Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office at South Plains College early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office.
- For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland Student Health & Wellness Center 806-716-2577, Reese Center (also covers ATC) Building 8: 806-716-4675, Plainview Center Main Office: 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611, or the Health and Wellness main number at 806-716-2529. See South Plains College General Catalog for more information.

Academic Integrity Policy: It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College and Monterey High School to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

- Cheating: Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the text-book or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in an office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the

student in the presentation of any and all phases of course work. This applies to quizzes of what- ever length, as well as to final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

- Plagiarism: Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identifiable expression of material taken from books, Internet resources, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from the themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism.

Teacher note on teaching: Photomath and any app that will solve the problem for you will not be allowed unless the app is being used for LEARNING purposes (not just solutions). I am willing to answer any questions you may have and would prefer that you come in for tutoring. I can usually tell the difference between your work and Photomath and I will do my best to show you examples of what your work should look like.

Student Conduct Policy/Classroom Conduct:

- Failure to comply with lawful direction of a classroom teacher relative to maintaining good order is considered misconduct on the part of the student.
- Repeated violations of disrupting a class may result in the student being dropped from that course.
- See South Plains College Student Guide for full policy covering other areas of conduct including penalties for misconduct and procedures for disciplinary action.

Equal Rights Policy: All students are entitled to equal rights under the affirmative action and equal opportunity laws. Students are also protected against unjust or biased academic evaluation, but at the same time, they are responsible for maintaining standards of academic performance established for each course in which they are enrolled.