

Algebra I Syllabus 2020-2021 – MRS. CUMMINGS

Room Number: 2118
Email address: cummingscb@pearlandisd.org
Conference Period: 6th Period 12:57 pm - 1:47 pm (by appointment)
Remote Office Hours: Mondays-Thursdays 12:22 – 12:52pm; during phase-in, Fridays 12-1 pm
Webpage: Found on the Dawson HS site's faculty tab

Supplies

- Folder OR binder that is ONLY for math
- A spiral notebook
- TI-Nspire CX calculator is suggested, NOT required
(online free graphing calculator at [desmos.com/calculator](https://www.desmos.com/calculator))

Academic Integrity

This year more than ever, it will be up to you to uphold your academic integrity. You will get out of this class as much as you put into the work. I will show up as your teacher with a well-prepared lesson and assignment. I expect you to show up with a positive learning attitude and the willingness to do your own work. Have integrity when it comes to classwork and tests.

STUDENTS...

**MAKE SURE TO SIGN UP TO
RECEIVE REMIND TEXTS**

Text 81010 and enter the
code @a1-dawson

PARENTS...

**MAKE SURE TO SIGN UP TO
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Text 81010 and enter the
code @a1-parents

Daily Notes and Assignment

Homework will be posted to Canvas every day within that day's page under modules. Homework assignments will either be directly in Canvas or will be through the Delta Math website. Homework grades can be corrected up to a 70.

Tests will be given on Canvas and will be open note, but **they will be timed**.

All **grades** will be entered in [Skyward](#).

Grading (see page 24 in the [Dawson Student Handbook](#))

- All grades will be posted online on [Skyward](#) and can be accessed by all students and parents.
It is suggested to get the free Skyward app for your phone.
- There are two categories for grades:

Daily* (homework and in class assignments)	40%
Tests*	60%
- LATE work policy:
 - One day late – the highest possible grade is a 90
 - Two days late – the highest possible grade is a 80
 - Anything later is a teacher/student conference where discretion will be given.
- If a student fails a test, students might be able to take a retest and earn up to a 70% (see below).
To retake a test:
 - Students must watch a review video provided by the teacher.
 - Students must show the completed review for that test.
 - Students must not have any 0's for the Unit.

Students MUST ask to make up assignments and tests within ONE WEEK of the grade being returned/posted on Skyward. (page 19 in the [Dawson Student Handbook](#))

Attendance (from the classroom or remote) (see page 29 in the [Dawson Student Handbook](#))

-Once the district is officially one-to-one, all students are expected to be in class and on time either in person or remotely through the Teams class period. Any students who are late will receive a tardy.

****For remote learners, if there is a technology issue that prevents you from joining the Teams class, you must notify me immediately.****

- Students have one class day per excused absence day to complete make-up assignments.

It is the responsibility of the student to request any make-up work that is missed while absent.

Conduct (In-person and remote learners)

1. NO use of a cell phone, including listening to music or other off-topic audio, without permission.
2. Always give your undivided attention and participation.
3. Do not be distracting to others.
4. No profanity of any kind.
5. Abide by any of Mrs. Cummings's requests for the benefit of the class's learning environment.

Conduct (Exclusive to remote learning)

- Sit in a chair at a table or desk during class.
- Make sure your attire and your background are school appropriate. (You may choose the classroom or office background option within Teams, but this must be done at the beginning of class and not changed during the lesson).
- Video camera **must be turned on** during Teams class meetings so that you may actively engage with the group.
- **Microphone must be on mute** when you are not speaking to the group.
- Have paper, a writing utensil, and a calculator ready when class starts.
- Use the **chat** or **hand raise** function in Teams to respond to the teacher or also to ask a question.
- Wear headphones if available (to cut out any noise distraction around you).
- Stay seated in front of the camera for the entirety of class. You need to ask permission for use of the restroom, just as if you were on campus.
- Make sure that you and only you are doing your work. All tests and quizzes will be taken live while on Teams and will be recorded so be honorable.
- **Have a backup plan ready now in case you encounter any technology issues.** If you cannot join the Teams class one day, what will you do? Make a plan so that you don't panic if something happens.

Tutorials

*****I am available for tutorials in my room almost every day before school, beginning at 6:45 am, excluding Mondays when I have hall monitoring duty. Please feel free to come by or message me anytime you need (I have Do Not Disturb hours between 10:30pm – 6:00am). I am here for you!**