

# PRE-ALGEBRA 2 SYLLABUS 2020-2021 – MRS. CUMMINGS

**Room Number:** 2118  
**Email address:** cummingscb@pearlandisd.org  
**Conference Period:** 6<sup>th</sup> Period 12:57 pm - 1:47 pm (by appt)  
**Remote Office Hours:** Mondays-Thursdays 12:22 – 12:52  
(Or by appt or message)  
Fridays, 12-1pm (during phase-in only)  
**Tutorials for F2F Learners:** Tuesday – Friday before school (6:45 – 7:10am)  
last 15 min of each period M/W  
**Webpage:** See DHS Faculty page of DHS Homepage

## ***STUDENTS...***

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## **Supplies**

- Folder OR binder that is ONLY for math
- A spiral notebook
- TI-Nspire CX calculator is suggested  
(online calculator at [desmos.com/calculator](https://desmos.com/calculator))

## ***PARENTS...***

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## **Academic Integrity**

Any form of “academic dishonesty” will not be tolerated and will have repercussions. 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.

## **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%

(quizzes are considered DOUBLE daily grades)
- Late/Missing Work
  - \*Make-up work is the responsibility of the student. No late work is accepted in Pre-AP classes.
  - \*All work will be available on Canvas.
- Reassessments
  - \*Limited to two retests per 9 weeks (projects are not reassessed).
  - \*Highest grade possible on a retest is a 70. Homework can also be corrected to a 70 when the student has completed the entire assignment with required work shown (no corrections on homework that shows no work or was only partially complete or blank).

### **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 can reassess any quiz if the entire quiz was attempted. It is the responsibility of the student to set up a requiz opportunity.

## Rewards and Consequences:

- \*I am a big believer in rewarding excellent work ethic and excellent behavior. If I notice positive things, I will definitely be praising the student, and may even contact home with the positive feedback. There may be opportunities to earn homework passes throughout the year.
- \*I will also issue consequences when rules are not being followed. Consequences may include making a phone call or email home, taking up an electronic device being used when not permitted, issuing detention hours, or sending the student to the office. I prefer consequences that don't have the student leaving the area of instruction, so sending away is a last resort!

## 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 betterment of the 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 at least a 4-function calculator ready when class starts.
- Wear headphones if available (to cut out any noise distraction around you).
- Use the *chat* or *hand raise* function in Teams to respond to the teacher or also to ask a question.
- 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.

## Resources

- \*This year I will be using the following resources to a large degree: Canvas, HRW Online Textbook, Khan Academy, Desmos, Microsoft Teams, Microsoft OneDrive