

McPherson High School
Class Expectations
2008 - 2009



Instructor Mark Matthaei

Class AP Calculus AB

Period

Course Description:

AP Calculus is an advanced placement course that prepares the students for the rigors of a college calculus class. By successfully completing the AP exam at the end of the school year, the student may receive credit for a college class. The student needs to find out how a particular college might evaluate AP credit. They can do this by referring to the catalogue for that school or by contacting the school's registrar office.

Materials needed for the class:

Students need to bring their texts, notebook paper, and writing utensils to class every day. The teacher does NOT furnish these supplies.

Students need a graphing calculator for this class. We allow students to check out TI-89s for the entire year. They are responsible for any damage or loss of the calculator. They are also asked to give us one unopened pack of batteries at the end of the year to replace the ones that were used during the year. Checking out a calculator is optional.

Types of activities taking place in your classroom:

Students are mostly involved in lectures, discussion, and work time in this class. We spend a lot of time working problems together as a group. Each student is responsible for asking questions and understanding how each problem was completed. Students are expected to share ideas with each other. Students have to take an active role in the class in order to be successful.

How students will be evaluated:

Students are evaluated in three categories. Tests count as 50% of the student's grade. Most tests will be in AP format. Quizzes will count as 30% of the grade. Quizzes give the students an opportunity to see what areas they are still weak in and need to work on to prepare for the tests. Homework counts as 20% of the grade. Students should score well in this category as long as they complete their assignments.

Discipline rules and expectations:

At this level we do not have discipline problems. Students are expected to be in class on time, obey any rules set forth in the student handbook, and respect the rights of all students.

Consequences for inappropriate classroom behavior:

Problems with any student will be handled on an individual basis. Usually a warning is sufficient. Occasionally there might be a need for a teacher-student conference. If it goes beyond that, then parents will be notified.

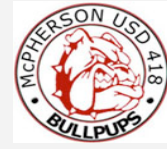
Additional Comments

This is an AP class and can be quite rigorous. However the rewards can also be quite high. It is always a pleasure to work with students at this level and to see how far their efforts might take them.

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I have read and understand the Classroom Expectation:

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Student signature

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