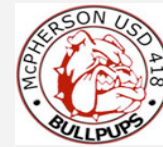


McPherson High School
Class Expectations
2008 - 2009



Instructor Mark Matthaei

Class Algebra II

Period

Course Description:

Algebra II is the continuation of studying single and multi-variable relationships from Algebra I. However, while there is a lot of review included in the class, the content of the second year course increases in difficulty. Students will be using the concepts they learned in the earlier course, but they are expanded in order to solve more complex problems.

Materials needed for the class:

Students will need to bring their textbook, notebook paper, and a writing utensil every day. The teacher does not furnish these supplies. Students will need a scientific calculator for this class. Students who do not have one may use one of ours during class time, but will not be allowed to take them out of the room.

Types of activities taking place in your classroom:

Students will be involved in note-taking during lectures, discussions, board work, and some small group work. Each student needs to be able to complete each problem on their own, however, in order to be successful on the evaluations. Students are encouraged to share thoughts and ideas with each other, but each student needs to be able to use each concept on their own.

How students will be evaluated:

Students are graded in 3 categories. Homework and quizzes are considered to be practice for the unit exams. Homework counts as 10% of the overall grade. Quizzes count as 20% of the total. The goal is to learn from any mistakes made in these categories in order to better perform on the unit exams. The unit exams count as 70% of the total grade for the class.

If a student does not pass a unit exam, then he/she receives a grade of IP (incomplete in progress). The student will have a time period of one week to study and retake the exam in order to try to pass. If a student has an IP at the end of the semester, then he/she will need to attend Saturday school in order to try to pass that chapter. If he/she has more than one chapter IP, then he/she will be required to attend summer school in order to try to complete those chapters. Any student having an IP at the end of summer school will receive a failing grade for the entire semester.

Discipline rules and expectations:

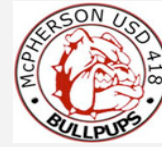
The following are guidelines for this class:

- 1) Students will respect the rights of others.
- 2) Students will make every effort to complete each assignment.
- 3) Students will use their time to their advantage. Students will be expected to work on their math assignments until finished or until class is dismissed.
- 4) Students will remain in their seats until the bell rings.
- 5) Students will be expected to obey all rules listed in the handbook, specifically those involving food and drink in the classroom.

Consequences for inappropriate classroom behavior:

Unexcused tardies will be made up by serving a 15 minute detention the following morning - no exceptions. Those not showing up for detention will be handled as explained in the handbook.

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Behavioral problems will be dealt with on an individual basis. The student will first receive a warning. Then the student will be asked to come in for a short conference about the problem. Detention may be given. If this does not clear up the problem, then parents will be notified and a plan of action will be formed. As a last resort, except in case of extreme behavior, the student will be referred to the office administration.

Additional Comments

Students are here to learn and receive credit for the class. It is my job to ensure that every student has the opportunity to do that. Working together is the easiest way for the student to succeed. I will be available to help the student anytime that the student is willing to take that step.

Instructor's Name

Name of Class:

Mark Matthaei

Algebra II

I have read and understand the Classroom Expectation:

Parent/Guardian signature

Date

Student signature

Date