**STUDENT REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS**

**ALGEBRA 1A 2016 - 2017**

**Mr. Mealy**

**Introduction:**

Welcome to Algebra 1A class here at John Jay High School. Algebra 1A is a course designed to provide you with half of the Algebra curriculum this year. The second half will be taken the following year in Algebra 1B. Hopefully we will expand on your previous knowledge of topics that were covered in mathematics and make this a successful year!

**Expectations:**

1. I expect everyone to come to class on time and ready to learn!
2. I expect you to ask questions and seek help when you don’t understand something.
3. I expect you to come to class prepared. You will need the following:
4. Pen/pencil
5. 3 ring binder (with loose leaf)
6. Scientific calculator (one will be supplied during class, but you may wish to have access to one at home for HW)
7. I expect you to try your best
8. I expect US to respect each other!! (polite, courteous, and mature behavior)
9. I expect you to have **FUN!!**

**Classwork:** You are responsible for taking notes in your binder with loose leaf paper. Keep them organized so you can refer to them when you need them. Handouts will be provided frequently throughout the year. They will be hole punched so you can keep them in your binder.

**Homework:** Your HW is to be completed in your loose leaf notebook, but **separate from class notes!** It is YOUR responsibility to get HW when you are absent. For long term absences, contact the guidance office and arrange to pick up missed assignments. No late homework is accepted unless there is a legal absence provided. Assignments will be posted daily in class and also on my teacher web page (As soon as the webpage is completed.)

**Grading:**

**Homework**: I will check HW daily (either by collecting it or walking around the room) and you will receive one of three grades:

2 – Excellent effort…entire assignment completed

1 – Satisfactory effort…attempted at least half the problems

0 – Unsatisfactory effort…attempted less than half of did none of the problems

**Quizzes & Tests:** You can expect a quiz at least once a week that may or may not be announced! You will have a test at the end of each unit and those will be announced in advance. If you are absent on a day that a quiz or test is given, you must be prepared to take it when you return. **You will take a midterm exam at the end of the 2nd quarter, and a Final Exam at the end of the year.**

**Calculating your Average:** I use a “total points” system to calculate your quarterly average. I add up all the points you “earn” from HW, quizzes, and tests and divide that sum by the total “possible” points. Then I multiply by 100 to get a percentage grade.

Example:

Earn Possible

Quiz #1 10 10

Quiz #2 28 30

Test #1 75 100

HW 35 40

“earn” sum = 148

“possible” sum = 180 148/180 \* 100 = 82.2%

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