

Algebra II Class Syllabus for Mars Hill

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Text: *Algebra Form and Function, 1st Edition*, by McCallum, Connally, Hughes-Hallett, et al.

Grades: Students' grades will be based on their scores on tests (40%), take-home quizzes (30%), and mahomework lessons (30%). I will grade homework, quizzes and tests in order to monitor the progress of each student. Homework may only be graded for completeness not correctness. This saves time grading yet still reinforces the material since the student does not know what portion will be graded. Quizzes and tests will always be thoroughly graded.

Tests: With the exception of the comprehensive final exam, tests will be take-home and be administered by the parents. Tests should take no more than 90 minutes to complete. All assignments will be due according to the separate quarterly assignment sheets posted on the website by the start of each quarter. All tests are **closed** book.

Quizzes: Most weeks, a short quiz will be posted on the website that is due the following week. Quizzes should take about 30 minutes. Quizzes will be **open** book, you may use **any** math text book to aid with your quiz. Quizzes may contain **bonus** review problems from past math classes, including geometry.

Homework: The quarterly assignment sheet contains the homework schedule and will be distributed prior to each quarter. The students will need to complete the homework lessons each week based on the schedule. Homework should be legible and done in pencil, with all final answers **clearly marked**.

Folders: I will use 2 folders for each student. These are to hand out assignments and graded work and to received completed work back. At the end of each class we will trade folders.

Office Hrs.: My hope is that the video content allows us to do all necessary Q&A during our Monday class time. I do not plan on keeping office hours this year. Always feel free to email me questions. If in-person class is canceled, a help session will be virtual via Zoom.

General: This is **homeschooling**. I encourage parents to help their students with their homework. I would like to emphasize that the parents should help their students understand concepts as they help with lessons. As you may not have an answer key, the answers to selected problems are in the back of the textbook. The students **must show their work** so that I can provide partial credit and see the types of mistakes that they are making. Also, I do not encourage allowing the students to work with the solutions manual at hand. Have the students do that days assignment first, then check the work for accuracy.

LATE HOMEWORK POLICY: I must have all homework by the end of the class period on the Monday that it is due. The only exceptions are written excuses from a parent, preferably in advance. "I left it at home" is not a legitimate excuse. Unexcused late homework will not be accepted and will be scored as a zero. This is in accordance with Mars Hill policy.