

Algebra I Course Overview
Chinook High School
Mr. Arntzen – 2nd and 4th Period

Course Description

- In Algebra I, we will progress through the first year Algebra curriculum, preparing you to use algebraic skills in everyday problem solving, as well as future math courses.

Shopping List

- 1 composition book or spiral notebook for homework (**math homework only!**)
- 1 notebook for notes (can be shared with other classes)
- Text-book Cover
- Scientific Calculator (Graphing preferred – TI brand is commonly used)

Classroom Expectations:

- Follow BEETS Expectations.
- Work hard and try your best.
- **Ask questions!**
- Give Mr. Arntzen your attention during lessons and when requested (silent voice, attentive eyes).

Starting Class:

- Arrive on time with all needed materials (**homework completed!**).
- Begin working on the warm-up exercise when the bell rings.

Leaving Class:

- Bathroom passes will be given as needed at appropriate times during class. If this privilege is abused, it will be limited.
- Continue working until dismissed by Mr. Arntzen, not the bell.

Grading:

- Your grade will consist of tests and daily work (including homework, note-taking, and group participation) according to the following percentages:

Tests and Quizzes	70%
Daily Work	<u>30%</u>
	100%

- Your daily work grade will be updated at the beginning of each week. Your test grades will be posted within a few days following the test.
- You may view your grades on the internet using the Infinite Campus program.
- The grading scale is printed in your student handbook.
- Extra credit will be available occasionally.

Note-Taking

- You will need a notebook for your math notes. This notebook may be used for notes in your other classes.
- Notes will be graded during tests.
- Each note check is worth 5 points.

Homework Expectations

- You will need a notebook that is used **only for your math homework**.
- Show your work!
- Label your assignments properly.
- **Mr. Arntzen will be available before and after school to assist with homework whenever possible.** If you know you need help, set up an appointment.

Homework Grading

- Homework assignments are worth 2 points each.
- Homework completion will be checked at the start of class (incomplete assignments are considered missing). A good effort will receive full points.
- We will go over the answers to assignments during class. **Part of each assignment is to go back and fix any mistakes you made.**
- You will turn in your homework notebook (with corrections!) on test day.
- **If you have not adequately corrected your homework assignments, or if your assignments are consistently left unfinished, you will lose points. If this is a consistent issue, I will also call home and possibly recommend mandatory after school study hall.**

Late/Missing Work

- Late work may be turned in by the date of the next test for half credit.
- Absent work receives full credit if completed within two days of return to school. After two days, the assignments will be considered missing. For extended absences, see Mr. Arntzen for a make-up schedule.
- After your 3rd late and/or missing assignment of the quarter, I will contact your parent/guardian.
- Beginning with your 4th late/ missing assignment, you will be required to serve a study time with me from 3:15pm to 3:45pm on the day the late/missing assignment was due. If the missing work is completed before 3:45pm, you will be free to go.
- If you do not attend a required study time, you will earn detention for academic insubordination.

Group Work

- **Getting help on homework assignments is *not* cheating.** If you need help, ask your classmates, parents, or Mr. Arntzen!
- **Having someone else do an assignment for you (copying) is cheating.** When getting or giving help, work through the problem together.
- You will be expected to work with groups in this class. If someone in your group asks you for help during homework time, you are expected to help. If you don't know how to help, ask another student or Mr. Arntzen.