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### Syllabus Disclaimer

A syllabus is not a contract between teacher and student, but rather a guide to course procedures on attendance, participation, requirements, grading, goals and objectives. The mathematics department reserves the right to amend the syllabus when necessary to best fulfill the course objectives. Students will be duly notified.

### Course Description

Foundations of Algebra is a first year high school mathematics course option for students who have completed mathematics in grades 6-8 yet still need support to be successful in high school mathematics. The course is aimed at students who have demonstrated significant difficulties in previous mathematics classes.

### GSE Standards

The course standards can be found at <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Pages/Math-9-12.aspx>.

### GSE Foundations of Algebra Topics

Variables, Expressions, and Integers  
Solving Equations  
Multi-Step Equations and Inequalities  
Factors, Fractions, and Exponents  
Linear Functions  
Radicals  
Operations with Polynomials

### Evaluation of Student Work

		<i>Grading Scale</i>	
Benchmark	20%	A	90 - 100
Daily	30%	B	80 - 89
Quizzes	20%	C	70 - 79
Tests	<u>30%</u>	F	Below 70
	100%		

### Materials Used In the Classroom (Optional)

Colored pencils, markers  
Notebook paper  
Pencils  
3-ring binder

**Availability for Extra Help**

Tutoring is available for all subject areas Monday through Thursday from 3:30 - 4:30 in the Media Center. Transportation will be provided for students who attend tutoring sessions.

**Makeup Work and Attendance**

Attendance is an extremely important part of class. Your success depends on your being in class every day. It is the student's responsibility to get the notes and assignments that are missed when absent. An excused absence does not excuse the work. If you are absent, you will follow the TCCHS policy regarding makeup assignments.

**Recovery Policy for the Classroom**

Assessments are used to gauge the level of mastery within a given time frame. For this reason, if a major unit summative assessment ("test") grade is higher than its corresponding unit formative assessment ("quiz"), the test grade can replace the quiz grade because it would demonstrate an increase in the level of mastery within the allowable time frame.

**Infinite Campus**

The teacher will update grades in Infinite Campus weekly. Infinite Campus is a software program that links parents and teachers by allowing parents to access their student's grade and attendance. All parents are encouraged to register for this service. Additional information is available in the Guidance Office.

**Google Classroom**

Notes and assignments will be posted to Google Classroom. Students may access them at any time if they are absent or need review.