

Syllabus and Classroom Policies for Mathematics Courses with Mrs. Bahr-Landsea

Dear Students,

I am very excited to be your mathematics teacher at Arvida Middle School for this school year! Being your teacher is a privilege, and I am committed to doing whatever I can to help you learn more mathematics so you are prepared for your grade's mandatory testing, as well as for your future education and careers. Please review this document with your parents/guardians and complete the signature section on the back so we are all in agreement as to what is expected of each other.

Classroom Rules

The following rules in bold text were reviewed in class together and are posted in the classroom:

1. **Show respect for everyone and everything in the classroom.** This includes listening while others are speaking, raising your hand to speak, and keeping hands, feet and objects to yourself. This also means that you will make good choices as you interact with each other during group time, and when you use any classroom materials including desks, textbooks, and supplies.
2. **Listen and follow directions the first time they are given.** Repeating information is a waste of everyone's time.
3. **No chewing gum, eating, drinking (water bottles are ok), or having a cell phone ON in the classroom (except when used in instruction).** Disruptive items will be taken away from you. Any mess you make, you are responsible for cleaning up. Confiscated cell phones will be turned into the office for a parent/guardian to come in to pick up at the Main Office on the designated days and times.
4. **Arrive on time and be prepared for class.** This means that you will be in your seat and ready to work and participate when the bell rings. Three unexcused tardies in a quarter will result in a detention. You are expected to use the restroom and water fountain as needed during breaks between classes. If you have an emergency, you will be permitted to use the restroom during class.
5. **Classroom Supplies:** The following are the required supplies you need to have with you every day in addition to your home learning: **a composition notebook just for this class, pencils, checking pens (red or blue), loose leaf paper, and graph paper.** To be ready for testing throughout the year, the following supplies are helpful: **erasers, Casio fx-260 Solar Fraction Scientific calculator, headphones for testing, and index cards (3 x 5")** for creating flashcards as this year you will be expected to memorize **LOTS** of formulas—pick your color and style (ruled, blank, colored ☺)
6. **Show work for each problem when calculations are needed, and circle your answers.** All work is to be completed individually unless I tell you otherwise. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will result, at a minimum, in a detention, a Z for all parties for that activity, and a comment in gradebook. Also, when you do not understand, I expect that you will ask me questions until you do understand the material.

Consequences of violating classroom or school rules may result in a warning, parent/guardian contact, detention, or referral and/or removal from class, as well as limited privileges in the classroom and/or school activities, depending on the problem, frequency and severity.

Home Learning

Home learning will be assigned daily. Assignments will be written on the classroom board as well as posted to my Arvida homework page, www.arvidamiddle.org, which you are also expected to check daily. Any modifications to assigned homework outside of our class will be updated on the homework page on this site; please also subscribe to your class list so you receive notifications when items are posted or modified.

All work is to be done legibly in pencil, with your calculations shown and turned in on time. A grade of a Z will be given for anything turned in with no name on it, not on time, as well as any anything missed due to absence including classroom activities, home learning, quizzes and tests. If you know you will be absent due to field trips or a planned excused absence, please come see me in advance for the home learning you will miss so that you are able to stay current as we move at a fast pace! If your absence is excused, it is your responsibility to bring in your admit slip, to find out the activities that you missed, and make-up this work for any credit by the required due dates we agree to given the circumstances. I will then review the work, and grades for these activities will be updated as soon as I am able to do so.

It is imperative that you have access to an up-to-date computer and internet connection as much of the covered material is online, including your textbook and supplemental resources such as Algebra Nation, DigitWhiz and Edgenuity. Any web links for items not available through your portal will be posted to my Arvida homepage.

Curriculum and Grading

We will be working on the core curriculum as outlined in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools District Pacing Guides for your course and grade level. Grades will be based on home learning, classwork including individual and any group activity participation, composition notebook reviews, quizzes, tests, and any rare extra credit offered. You are expected to keep your notes and workbook pages organized. A check of your composition book and required materials will be done randomly at least once a quarter for a completion grade.

Quizzes and tests will comprise the majority of the nine-week grade with the weighting being communicated to you in advance. For my non-Honors Algebra 1 classes, if you perform poorly on a quiz or test (grade of a D or F), you may correctly redo all of the problems you had wrong on a quiz or a test showing rework and providing explanations of all mistakes for a possible grade of up to a C instead. These quiz corrections are due by the date discussed in class.

The following grading scale will be used:

Activity scale	Quarterly scale
90 - 100 A	3.50 - 4.00
80 - 89 B	2.50 - 3.49
70 - 79 C	1.50 - 2.49
60 - 69 D	1.00 - 1.49
0 - 59 F	0.00 - 0.99
0 Z	0.00 Not turned in, an unexcused absence, or a no name activity

Grades can be checked at <http://www.dadeschools.net> via the student or parent portal using your username and password. Conduct grades are based on your classroom behavior and how consistently you are on task. Your effort grades are based on your assignment completion and class participation.

For my Honors Algebra 1 classes, please keep in mind that the course is an honors high school class where each student will take the End of Course (EOC) exam. This exam will constitute 30% of the final grade (subject to State of Florida guidelines), and students must pass this exam in order to graduate from high school.

Communication

If there is a matter that we need to discuss or if you need extra help, please see me to set-up a time either before/after school or during my lunch hour. Please feel free to have your parents/guardians call me at the school at 305-385-7144 or email me at dbahrlandsea@dadeschools.net (please make sure to reference your student name and ID when you contact me, and a subject line or it will be considered a spam email).

To acknowledge that you have read and understand this student contract, please complete the information below and return to me no later than Friday, August 23. A copy will be given back to you to put in your composition notebook, with the original to be placed in your student portfolio. I look forward to working with you to help you learn the essential math skills you need for your future and sharing my enthusiasm for mathematics!

Student Commitment

I have read, understand and will follow these policies and procedures for Mrs. Bahr-Landsea's class. I will regularly discuss with my parents/guardians my performance in this class. I will also provide them with my interim progress reports, report cards and any other messages from school staff as soon as possible.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Commitment

I have read, understand and will support these policies and procedures for Mrs. Bahr-Landsea's class and have reviewed them with my child.

Parent/Guardian Name & Relationship to Student

Parent/Guardian Preferred Phone Number (specify cell, home or work)

Student Signature

Last Year's Mathematics Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Email Address