

**Hill Country Middle School  
Pre AP Algebra I  
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Tutoring Hours: Weekly tutoring schedule (morning tutorials 8:00 – 8:28 am) will be posted on my website every weekend.

**Course Description:**

This course is designed to meet the needs of students who will be continuing their study of Pre AP level of mathematics through four years of high school and then into college. Techniques and procedures of problem solving are stressed with emphasis on the understanding of concepts and “how” students arrive at their solutions. Students may have to “gear-up” to a new level of study since a new topic will be covered each day.

**Materials Required:**

- Spiral notebook (not to be shared with any other class!!!)
- Graph paper
- Plenty of pencils
- TI-84 graphing calculator (Highly recommended)

**Textbook:**

**McGraw-Hill Algebra 1 textbook** is the textbook assigned this year. Replacement cost is \$75. There is only a class set, so the books will stay in the classroom. Algebra 1 text book is available on your IPAD through **the McGraw-Hill app**.

**Homework policy:**

- **Homework will be posted in each day’s folder in Google Classroom .Code to access google classroom will be given in class.**
- All homework must be completed on time and in pencil.
- Assignments are due at the beginning of class the next day.
- Students with excused absences only are allowed to make up work for full credit. Per district policy, students are given **“a day for a day”** to turn in their missed assignment.
- Students are responsible for obtaining their own missing assignments.
- All work must be shown legibly on your homework paper. **No work = No Credit.**
- **LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**Grading:**

Eanes ISD Middle School teachers are committed to grading and assessing in the best interest of our students. We believe grades and assessments communicate content knowledge, guide instruction, and reveal opportunities for enrichment and intervention.

**Quarterly averages** will be computed using the following district-developed percentages:

**70% Tests**  
**20% Quizzes**  
**10% Daily work (HW / CW/Learning checks)**

**Semester average** is the average of the two quarterly grades (50% each)

**Retest Policy:**

All Pre-AP Algebra teachers in the Eanes school district will offer one retest opportunity per grading period. At the end of each grading period, all Pre-AP Algebra students will take a **“Quarterly Final”** to assess their cumulative knowledge of the content taught that quarter. The grade the student earns on their Quarterly Final can **replace the student’s lowest Unit Test grade**. If the Quarterly Final is the lowest test grade, then the grade will not count.

**Class Expectations:**

Be seated in your assigned seat before the late bell rings. Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself. Follow directions the first time they are given. Raise your hand before speaking.

**iPads:**

We will be using several interactive applications; therefore, students are required to bring their iPads to class every day. The iPads will be used for instructional purposes only and with the permission of the teacher. Students are not permitted to play games and listen to music on their iPads during class time.

**Academic Integrity:**

Academic dishonesty includes cheating or copying the work of another student, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during an examination. Failure to follow this policy will be dealt with on an individual basis and could result in receiving a zero or office referral.

**Very Important Reminders:**

This class **IS** for high school credit. Your grade **WILL** show up on your high school transcript (whether you pass or fail). Your grade will **NOT**, however, average into your high school grade point average (GPA).