**EOC**

***EOC: Algebra 1 is an EOC class.*** *The EOC (End of Course exam) is a state test and must be passed in order to graduate. It also counts as 30% of each semester’s grade but will not be calculated into the grade until the test scores are returned sometime during the summer*.

There are many practice sites available free of charge on-line. Please utilize these sites, in addition to the work we do in class.

# **Mrs. McMorrow**

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**Required Materials**

* 3 ring binder
* Pencils
* Notebook paper
* Markers or colored pencils
* TI 30-Xa Calculator
* Algebra Nation book (will be issued)
* *Issued hardback text should remain at home*

**Grading Policy**

The breakdown of the 9-week grading policy is:

* Tests: 50%
* Quizzes: 35%
* Homework, Bellwork, Classwork 15%

**Homework will be assigned every day!** . Each assignment will be worth 20 points, 5 will be added together to make a weekly grade which will be posted in the grade book.

**Quizzes** will be given at least once a week. Some will be announced, some will not. Longer quizzes may count as two quiz grades. I will drop the lowest quiz grade. Quizzes missed due to absence will not be made up, but instead will be marked with NG, and will not count at all in the average.

**Notebooks** will be checked each 9-weeks and count as a quiz grade.

**Assignments** will be posted on my website. **AN** refers to Algebra Nation workbook, **HRW** refers to hard back textbook, and **WS** for worksheets.

**Course Description**

Welcome to Algebra 1! I am Sarah McMorrow, this is my 2nd year at GBHS, but I have been teaching for over 12 years. And I am looking forward to this year!

Algebra is the basis for all higher level math, and I plan to make it rigorous, relevant, and try to throw in some enjoyment. I want you to love math as much as I do (or at least, not hate it!) by the end of the year.

I have a website that is linked to my REMIND page, so you can keep up to date with what we are covering in class each week.

WEBSITE:

smcmorrowgbhs.weebly.com

## *Welcome to Algebra 1!!*

*The only way to LEARN mathematics is to DO mathematics!*

**Tests**

Tests must be rigorous to prepare students for the EOC, and will be graded accordingly.

A study session will be provided for most tests BEFORE SCHOOL, THE DAY BEFORE THE TEST, in Mrs. McMorrow’s room.

***Students will have the opportunity to re-do one test per nine weeks. Re-dos must be done before school and must be scheduled within a week of the test being returned.***

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**Discipline Interventions**

If a student finds it difficult to follow the classroom rules, the following interventions will be used (not necessarily in this order):

Conference with student  
Parent contact (phone or email)  
Office referral

**\*Cell phones must be stored in the locked cell phone locker, and each has a charging station. Failure to comply will result in an immediate referral with no warnings. ☹**

**Attendance**

It is difficult to learn Algebra if you aren’t here! You have 3 days to make-up work for excused absences. If it is an unexcused absence, you will be given a zero. If it is a pre-arranged absence, your work should be complete and turned in on the day of your return. If you are absent on a review day, but have been here for material instruction, you will be required to take the test, the day you return.

**Passes**

I understand that you may have a life inside and outside of school and that emergencies do arise. Each 9-weeks, you will be given:

1 HW pass 1 late pass 1 hall pass

At the end of the 9-weeks, any may be traded for 5 quiz points EACH! So use them wisely!

**Academic Integrity**

A student found to have engaged in academic dishonesty shall be subject to grade penalties on assignments or tests and disciplinary penalties in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Cheating, plagiarism, and unauthorized communication between students during exams/quizzes is prohibited. Incidents judged to be dishonest by me or another professional will result in disciplinary action, parent contact, and a grade of zero.

Extra Help

There are a few options available if you believe you are falling behind and need extra help.

1. Come in for homework help: Tuesday & Thursday 8:00-9:00 Math Lab Room 308
2. Find a ‘study buddy’ from this or another class to work with after school.
3. There are numerous ‘on-line’ help sites including: Algebra Nation (log on through ClassLink) Khan Academy, and YouTube.

**Makeup Work**

If you miss class, it is ***YOUR*** responsibility to get necessary make-up work. Complete all work that you missed, ***within 3 days*** of your absence.

Check the MAKEUP FOLDERS (by day of the week) located near the back of the room for any needed handouts. Any work not turned in within the acceptable time period will be recorded as a ‘zero’.

Any tests missed will be taken on the day of your return.



**Behavior Expectations**

I have high expectations for all students. I expect students to achieve academically to their fullest potential. I also expect students to contribute in a ***positive*** manner to the classroom. The following is a list of classroom rules.

* Be on time.
* Leave all classroom materials and calculators in the CLASSROOM.
* RESPECT everyone in the classroom!
* Actively participate in all classroom activities.
* Be prepared with all necessary materials EVERYDAY!
* All cell phones MUST be placed in cell phone locker

