

Pre-Calculus

- Instructor:** Mr. Kruczinski
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**Responses will be given ASAP. For more immediate responses set up time to meet during a free period.
- Free Periods:** 7:00-7:30am
3rd and 6th period
3:00-4:00pm
** If you want to come see me for extra help, you must talk with me before or after class to set up a time. If you come to see me unexpectedly I may not be available to help you. Setting up times before or after school is possible.
- Course Website:** www.jfkruz.weebly.com



Content of the Course:

This section will include a small synopsis of the course material that will be covered throughout the semester.

Classroom Rules:

1. **RESPECT**
2. Be in your seat with materials out when the bell rings.
3. Bring paper, pencil, textbook, and a calculator to class EVERYDAY.
4. Do not interrupt the learning of others.
5. Show respect to objects not belonging to you (i.e., desks, etc.)
6. Treat your fellow classmates and your teacher with respect.



Classroom Policies:

1. Please remain in your seats during class. Wait until transitions or use before and after class time to address issues such as getting Kleenex, sharpening your pencil, etc.
2. Teacher's desk and personal belongings are off limits.
3. Assignments should be turned in at the beginning of the period on my desk in a neat pile.
4. If work is *finished* early you may use this time to work on assignments of your choosing (class work from other subjects is acceptable), but DO NOT disturb the learning of others.
5. Using the restroom should be done before coming to class. Work time near the end of the period is the only time when you may leave class to use the bathroom.
6. Extra credit assignments will be offered to help boost your grade.

Attendance:

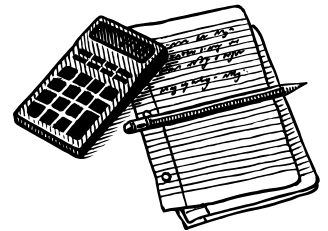
Being tardy to class will result in loss of participation points that will affect your overall grade. Repetitive tardies will be dealt with as present in the Student Handbook.

Participation:

Active participation is expected. Mathematics is not a spectator sport; you will need to pay attention to my teaching, take notes, and participate in class discussions ensure understanding. If you have questions I encourage you to interrupt me (as long as it is done respectfully) so that I can address the question. Chances are is that others in the class have the same question! When given class time to work on homework, I expect you to be working on the assignment.

Homework:

Homework problems (or some for of assessment) will be given at the end of every class period with few exceptions. These assignments are given, not to keep you from having fun, but because I believe they will help you succeed in this class. Homework is important. Without practice many of the concepts taught will be difficult. The number one way to succeed in this class is to DO the homework and to come with any questions you may have for the next class period.



Homework will be checked for completion points at the beginning of the following class period. The most important part of the homework is that you attempt it. If you did not understand a problem, the beginning of class will be used to review problems as a class.

** Periodically I will collect homework assignments designed. I will check to see if each problem is complete and choose 3-5 questions to grade for accuracy.**

Observe the following rules when completing homework assignments:

1. Write your NAME, DATE, CLASS PERIOD, and DAY # in the upper right hand corner of your paper.
2. Use sheets of loose-leaf paper. (Points will be deducted for torn-out pages from spiral notebooks)
3. Write LEGIBLY – if I cannot read it you will lose points.
4. Solve the problems in the given order.
5. Attach sheet with a STAPLE and not paper clips, your fingers, etc.
6. Use correct mathematical grammar and notation.

Exams and Quizzes:



Exams will be given at the end of each chapter with few exceptions. Each test will have several calculation problems from each section, definitions, and a few word problems. There will also be a cumulative final at the end of each semester.

Quizzes will be given at the end of every 3-4 sections. Each quiz will have several calculation problems from each section, definitions, and a few word problems.

Weights:

- Homework 15%
- Quizzes 20%
- Exams 40%
- Final 15%
- Participation 10%



****Course grades** will be assigned according to your average:

A 90-100; **B** 80-89; **C** 70-79; **D** 60-69; **F** 0-59;

Grades are not given according to need (e.g. sport eligibility, college aspirations, etc.) or the number of hours studied; there is absolutely no point in bargaining for grades towards the end of the semester. The grade you earn will be up to **YOUR** dedication and **YOUR** determination to succeed. I am here to help you every step of the way, I want you all to receive A's and I believe that you all *can*. Your learning is **YOUR** responsibility, if you have questions or need extra help it is your job to seek out my assistance.

How to Study:



Reviewing your notes is not enough! You will have to sit down in a quiet place for hours at a time, with pencil, paper, and calculator in hand, going over definitions, formulas, examples, and exercises. Redoing exercises from the book may be the most beneficial thing you can do to study.

Get acquainted with the concept, method, and notation. If you don't even understand what's being asked, the problem won't miraculously solve itself when you start scribbling; not that it hasn't been tried. My most important advice on studying: do not skip the meaning (concept) in favor of method. Trust my experience and listen to the explanations and the pronunciation as well as the formulas.

Late Work:

Late work *will* be accepted; however, points will be deducted with no exceptions. Work is considered late if it is not handed in at the beginning of the assigned class time. Each day an assignment is late, the assignment will receive a 25% reduction. If an assignment is due on Tuesday and you turn it in on Thursday, the assignment is two days late. I do count Saturdays and Sundays. Should you turn in work on the day it is due, but after class is over, the work is one day late. Late work should be handed in at the beginning or end of the class hour.



Academic Integrity:



Cheating will not be tolerated. Any inclination of cheating, whether on a test or homework will result in zero for that given assessment and participation points for that day. If you cheat again you will lose all extra credit privileges. For further information and possible consequences refer to the school handbook.

For homework assignments and projects make sure to indicate all your references (this means help from friends and family).

****Cheating is easier to identify than you think...remember I was a student once too, I know how it works.****