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# Intermediate Algebra

## Course description

Intermediate Algebra is a class designed to help fill the gaps in student knowledge. The goal is to help students gain confidence in their math skills. Students will work on ACT skills to help them raise their ACT scores. The goal of Intermediate Algebra is to help students be successful in College Algebra.

## Materials Needed

3 Ring-Binder  
1 Page Protector  
Dry Erase Markers (Students will use and keep their own)  
Notebook Paper  
Pencils/Pens  
Graphing Calculator STRONGLY Recommended  
(The AHS Math Department recommends the TI-84+ or TI-83 family of calculators. They are supported by all textbooks and will be used for all math classes in high school and in college. The use of a graphing calculator in Intermediate Algebra will allow the student to become much more proficient in skills that will vastly improve their performance on the ACT and in future math classes.)

## Grading Scale

A 90-100	15% - Assignments
B 80-89	20% - Quizzes
C 70-79	50% - Tests
D 60-69	15% - Final
F 0 - 59	

## Grading

Assignments will vary in points. All problems requiring multiple steps must have work shown. Without appropriate work and steps shown, students will not receive full credit. Homework will be assessed using accuracy.

## Institutional Policies

Policies outlined in the AHS Student Handbook will be the standard for academic and behavioral issues including, but not limited to tardies, unexcused absences, use of Chromebooks, and academic dishonesty.

## Test Retake Policy

Intermediate Algebra students will be allowed to retake 3 tests per semester. **You must have turned in at least 80% of the assignments for the chapter that you want to re-take.** Test retakes need to be scheduled with the teacher and re-taken before the day before the next chapter test is taken. This will also be posted on the website. There will be required review activities to complete before the retake begins. The higher of the two test scores will be recorded.

## Late Assignments

Late assignments are accepted for full credit through the day before a chapter test. Late assignments will not be accepted on the day of the chapter test or any day after. If students are abusing this policy, the instructor has the right to give a warning to the individual student that in future chapters, late assignments will not be accepted.

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## Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices

Cell Phones and other PEDs (such as iPods) are not to be used in class without direct permission or instruction from the teacher. Students may either have self control to keep their phone put away or they may place it in the Charging Station. Students that must be asked to put a cell phone away, will place it in the Charging Station.

## Classroom Policies

Water and snacks that are small are allowed unless distractions, mess, and/or abuse of policy occurs and teacher announces change to the policy. A properly completed Digital Hall Pass is required before students will be allowed to leave the room. Plan to use the restroom before class starts, passes will not be granted during lecture, activities, or assessments.

## Calculators

The use of calculators is a privilege, not a right. Students are free to use the calculator as long as they are using the device appropriately. There will be times when calculators will not be allowed, but the students will be notified ahead of time. Inappropriate use consists of playing calculator games, sharing calculators during an assessment, the use of calculator for things other than educational purposes, and all other actions deemed inappropriate by the instructor. Breaking calculator rules can result in the loss of calculator privileges during class, which may include tests and quizzes.

## Wish List for Our Classroom

- Kleenex, Kleenex, and more Kleenex
- Candy for Rewards/Games (non-peanut types such as twizzlers, starburst, smarties, jolly ranchers, skittles, suckers, etc.)
- AAA Batteries

*\*Policies are subject to change at the instructor's discretion*

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- 3 Ring-Binder
- 1 Page Protector
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- Notebook Paper
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- **Graphing Calculator** - TI-83 or TI-84 STRONGLY recommended. Casio brand is cheaper, but in the long-run textbooks, materials, and all teachers throughout high school and college are trained to use a TI-83 or TI-84 model. This calculator should get your student through their high school and college classes. (As long as they don't lose it!) :)

Please print your name and sign this form agreeing that you have read and understand the entire Intermediate Algebra Syllabus. Form must be returned to Mrs. Neibling by Wednesday, August 22nd.

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Student Name

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Student Signature

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Parent Name

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