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Semester 1

To my new students,

Welcome to Mr. Havenhill's Algebra 1 course. I am very excited to work with you and promise you an experience in mathematics unlike anything you have experienced before. In addition to Algebra, I will be teaching you many problem-solving skills. Along the way we will discover many insights into the world of mathematics and its relation to the "real" world. I look forward to a very exciting, challenging, and fun year with you. Should you need any help or tutoring, please let me know. My door is always open for my students.

To my parents:

Thank you for trusting me with your son or daughter this year. I take very seriously the job of teaching and will work to give your child the best education possible. My expectations for your student are high and I will expect much of them throughout the year. I would love to meet you to discuss your student's progress. **My e-mail address is dhavenhill@cnusd.k12.ca.us.** Please write me should you have any questions. I check my e-mail multiple times a day. If you would like to schedule a conference, please call the school at 951-738-2100 x 1304

I look forward to meeting you and working with you during this school year.

Blessings,

Donald R. Havenhill II, M.S.

Overview:

Algebra 1 is a one-year Algebra course designed to fully train you in the skills of Algebra and fundamental problem solving. This course is the foundation of all other math courses.

We will cover the following topics:

- Connections to Algebra
- Working with Real Numbers
- Solving Equations
- Polynomials
- Linear Functions
- Systems of Linear Equations
- Inequalities
- Rational and Irrational Numbers
- Quadratic Functions

Behavior:

My rules and expectations for behavior are simple and straightforward:

- **Do your BEST and be EXCELLENT** is my most important rule.
- The teacher, not the bell, will dismiss you.
- Talk only when appropriate
- No distracting items in class (pictures, cosmetics, electronic devices, music, bad attitudes...)
- No food or gum is permitted (Water is ok, as long as you throw away your container).
- The school's dress code will be strictly enforced.
- Enjoy this course!

Required Materials:

- 3 – Ring binder
- Sharpened pencils and pens
- Paper
- Textbook

Assignments & Work:

Homework will be given nearly every day. You are to copy the assignments on your homework record at the beginning of every class period. Most assignments will be due the next class period.

I generally do not collect homework from my students. Instead, I collect stamped homework records. My belief is that homework should be a tool that students study from. Research has shown that students who review their notes within 24 hours are far more likely to master material than those who do not. Therefore, I will make every effort to provide you with answers to each homework assignment **with the expectation that you will review your assignment and learn from any mistakes you may have made.**

Homework must be completed on time. **You must show your work to receive full credit.** The grade for any late assignment will be significantly lowered. **Check the assignment calendar (not me) for work missed due to absences.** If you have an excused absence for 1 day, you will have 1 day to make up your work. You will have 2 days for 2 excused absences, etc. . **Any assignment not made up will result in a zero! AGAIN, IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SECURE ANY MISSING WORK.**

Tardiness:

ERHS's policy will be followed for **tardiness.** **If you are not IN YOUR SEAT WORKING WHEN THE BELL RINGS,** you will be considered tardy and disciplinary action will follow. **Consider this your warning.**

Discipline Plan:

For most offenses, the following applies:

- 1st Infraction: Warning
- 2nd Infraction: 2nd Warning
- 3rd Infraction: Detention and Phone Call Home
- 4th Infraction: Detention and Parent Conference
- 5th Infraction: Referral to Office

Grades:

Every assignment is worth a number of points. At the end of the grading period, divide the total number of points you have earned in the course by the total number of points possible. Then compare them to this scale:
100 – 90% = A 89 – 80% = B 79 – 70% = C
69 – 65% = D 64% and below = F

Cheating:

Academic dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated. A zero will be given and a detention issued.

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“I, _____, have read this course overview with my parent(s)/guardian(s) and hereby agree to follow the rules and expectations outlined. I understand my choices and the consequences that will result from my choice to not follow these guidelines.”

Student's Name : _____ Student's Signature/Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Signature/Date: _____

Parent's e-mail: _____ Parent Phone: _____