



Desert Hills High School

PreCalculus



Course Description:

A student should have successfully completed the following math sequences, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II or Secondary Math I, II and III, before enrolling in Precalculus. This class is designed to be mathematically rigorous as it is a preparatory class to Calculus. The class will focus on problem solving, functions, polynomials, graphing and Trigonometry.

Grading:

Students will be graded in this class according to the following grade scale.

A	100-93%	B+	89-87%	C+	79-77%	D+	69-67%
A-	92-90%	B	86-83%	C	76-73%	D	66-63%
		B -	82-80%	C -	72-70%	D -	62-60%

In accordance with the DHHS grading policy, grades in this course will be weighted as follows:

80% Assessments (Tests & Quizzes)	20% Practice (Homework), Participation, Attendance, etc.
<p>A test will be given at the conclusion of each unit (typically 3 tests per quarter).</p> <p>Students will have the opportunity to retake all tests, however, to be eligible for a retake, all homework and notes for that unit must be complete, tests corrections must be made, and a retake review must be completed. Retake tests will be taken outside of the regular class time by appointment. The retake test will cover the same concepts as the original test but may be in a different format. There is a firm deadline to retake each unit's test. This deadline will be communicated to student. Please note that the retake test score will be the score recorded on the student's grade even if it is lower than the first score.</p> <p>If a student is absent on a test day, students should take the missed test as soon as possible, as the retake deadline will still apply. If the student has not taken the unit test by the retake deadline for that unit, they will not be eligible for a retake.</p>	<p>Students can expect an average of 30-60 minutes of homework for each period of class instruction.</p> <p>Students are expected to come to class with their homework completed and graded. Answers to the homework are posted on my website at: tnelsonmath.weebly.com</p> <p>A list of answers copied without work will result in a zero grade.</p> <p>Homework assignments are due the following class period at the beginning of class. If the assignment is not turned in when due, it will be considered late, and will only receive partial credit. It is important that students stay current in order to understand the new math concepts as most concepts build upon each other.</p> <p>Work missed because of an excused absence is not considered late and should be turned in as soon as possible upon the student's return.</p> <p><u>Final deadline for all homework is test day, whether or not you are present.</u></p>

Extra Credit:

In accordance with the DHHS grading policy, extra credit will not be offered.

Class Requirements and Expectations:

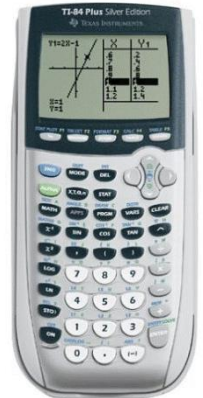
- **Be seated when the bell rings.** If a student is tardy it is a disruption to the learning process. Any bell work or activities that a student misses due to an unexcused tardy **cannot** be made up and will result in a zero grade.
- Be prepared with all necessary materials (**Pencil, Book, Calculator, Homework etc.**) each class period.
- Show respect, responsibility and integrity for yourself and others.
- **No food or drinks** in the class other than bottled water.

Students will be asked to put their phones, smart devices, or other electronics in a pocket hanging at the front of the classroom if they are brought to class. Cell phone use during any test or quiz will result in a zero grade.

Calculators:

Students must have at least a scientific calculator, but it is strongly suggested that they have a graphing calculator. The TI-84 is my recommendation, but any graphing calculator will do. **Cell phones may not be used as calculators in class.**

Please be aware that any student can rent a TI-84 graphing calculator from the school library for \$20.00 for the whole year, but there are limited number of these rental calculators available. They are offered on a first come, first serve basis.



Math can be challenging. Students are responsible to make sure they understand the concepts, but if more help is required, please ask. I want every student to be successful. Extra assistance is available before school, at lunch, after school and during homeroom.

I look forward to a great year!

Teena Nelson

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PreCalculus Disclosure Acknowledgement

Please detach this sheet and return this page to your teacher. Keep the disclosure for your reference.

I have read the Precalculus disclosure statement and understand the class expectations

Student Name _____(please print)

Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____(please print)

Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____(please Print)

Parent/Guardian Preferred Phone _____Best Contact Time _____

Comments/Questions:

Class Period _____