**Algebra 2**

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This course is designed to build on algebraic and geometric concepts. It develops advanced algebra skills such as systems of equations, advanced polynomials, imaginary and complex numbers, quadratics, and introduces the study of trigonometric functions and sequences.

**Rules** Be on time. Be prepared. Be respectful.

**What to Expect**  You will work.  You will learn.  You will grow.

**What to Bring**  Pencils, a three ring binder, loose leaf paper, graph paper, and a calculator from the TI-84 family.

**Policies**

* The PCHS student handbook states that classwork and homework missed due to an excused absence must be made up within three days or within the same number of days that the student was absent. Until you make up a missed assignment (if your absence is excused) I will put a 0 in PowerSchool with a missing icon. Once made up, I will replace the 0 with your grade. This will happen for all assignments including tests. If you have surpassed the time allowed to make up an assignment for full credit, the most you can receive is a 50%.
* I post all my assignments on my PCHS website and on the board by the end of class; therefore, it is your responsibility to keep up with it.
* Class starts at the bell.  You are to take care of all personal needs before the bell rings.  Should you have an emergency and need to leave the room during class, you will sign out and back in.
* Cell phones must be turned OFF unless special permission is granted.  If I see your phone or earbuds/headphones, I will collect it and turn it into the front office. You may not charge your phone in my classroom.
* You are to respect yourself, your peers, your teacher, your administrators, and every staff member.
* Bullying, self-righteous, or otherwise hurtful behavior will not be tolerated.  We are all equals.  We all have the right to ask questions.  We will not look down on others.  We will value each other as individuals.
* No food or drinks.
* If you need to leave class to go to your car you must go through the front office and get a pass.

**Grades**

* Warm-ups: There will be a warm-up on the board when you enter class. You are to answer all of the questions on a sheet of paper you start each Monday. I will collect your weekly warm-ups on Thursdays for an engagement grade. Every other Friday you will have a warm-up check, which will include warm-up questions from the past two weeks. It will be graded for accuracy and will count as an engagement grade.
* Expect daily homework.  Mastery in math cannot occur without practice.  I do not accept late homework.  If you are present and do not have your work, you will receive a zero. I will contact your parents after three missed homework assignments.  I will check homework for completion each day.  You will receive full credit if work is shown (where applicable) for each problem. You will otherwise receive a 25%, 50%, or 75% depending on the amount complete. We will go over the homework in class. Every other Friday you will have a homework check on homework questions from the past two weeks. It will be graded for accuracy and will count as an engagement grade.
* Expect some sort of assessment weekly.  We will have chapter/unit tests but we will also have quizzes.  Some quizzes will be announced, others will not.  I will always give you advance notice for bigger assessments like tests and exams.
* Alternate Assessment Policy: If you are unhappy with your performance on a test you may take an alternate assessment for the opportunity to add 10 points to your original test grade. In order to earn this opportunity you must correct your test on a separate sheet of paper showing all work neatly. Once acceptable corrections are reviewed, you will be able to take a ten question assessment. For every question you answer correctly you will receive an additional point added on to your test grade not to exceed full credit.
* Class Weights
  + Engagement (homework, warm-ups, classwork, Friday homework and warm-up checks, etc.) 50%
  + Tests and Projects 35%
  + Quizzes 15%

**Test Folders** I will grade and return your tests as soon as possible. After we go over them in class, I will place them in a folder. You may check your folder out at any time during the year as long as you return it. I will give you your test folder before the midterm and final exam. You will return your folder to me on the major test day.

**Office Hours** PLEASE ask questions.  Ask a lot of them!  If you have more questions than we can get through in class, please come for extra help during my office hours: Thursdays after school.

I understand Mrs. Hill’s classroom expectations and policies. I pledge to work hard and ask for help when needed.

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Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: