

Intensified Algebra Syllabus

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Conference Time: 1st Period

Tutorials: 8:05 a.m. (or by prior arrangement) Monday – Wednesday, and Friday

Textbook *Intensified Algebra* by Agile Mind and the Charles A. Dana Center, University of Texas

Materials: You will need the following materials with you each day:

- 1 inch binder with lined and graph paper
- Pencils with erasers
- graphing calculator (preferably TI 84)
- charged iPad

Course Description

Intensified Algebra is an Algebra I course that uses a developmental approach to mathematical concepts and critical thinking skills. Students will participate in a variety of activities in each day:

- Class opener – time to get our brains ready for the day’s lesson
- Core activity – an interactive/cooperative learning activity introducing the concepts for the day
- Process homework – time to think about the previous night’s homework
- Consolidation activity – an interactive/cooperative learning activity that provides practice and reinforcement of the concepts for the day
- Wrap up and introduce homework – time to look at the expectations for the night’s assignment

Grading Policy

Your quarterly grade will be determined by combining your scores with the following weights:

- **Homework – 10%** - daily
 - Homework will be assigned daily.
- **Quizzes – 30%** - three or four are given each quarter
 - If you are absent on the day of the quiz, please make it up as soon as possible since it will provide valuable feedback for your test preparation the next day.
 - Quiz grades may be replaced by the corresponding Unit assessment grade if the assesment grade is higher!
- **Tests – 60%** - three or four are given each quarter
 - Mid-Unit assessment grades may be replaced by the corresponding End-of-Unit assessment grade if it is higher!

UIL Eligibility

UIL determines eligibility with a no pass/no play rule. It is the **student's responsibility** to be aware of his/her grades and how they will affect their eligibility. Refer to the Student Handbook regarding eligibility rules.

Make-up Policy (for excused absences only)

- When you are absent, refer to the quarterly calendar to see which lesson you missed. You should then log into the Agile Mind website to read the slides and follow the day's activities. The nine weeks' calendar is posted on my website.
- When you return to class, be sure to get the homework pages you missed so that you can make up the assignment.
- If you are absent for a school-related function, be sure to get your assignments **before** the missed day(s).
- Being absent the day before a test does not *automatically* excuse you from taking the test.

Classroom Rules

- Be on time! School tardy policies will be enforced.
- Listen attentively, take notes, and ask questions – *ENGAGE YOUR BRAIN!*
- Be courteous to all others in the class – listen patiently, offer encouragement, etc.
- **Make mathematical thinking your top priority!**
 - **Work only on math** for the duration of the class.
 - Silence your cell phone before you enter the classroom and leave all electronics in your bag, unless otherwise instructed.
- Follow the Westlake Honor Code. School policy will be enforced.
- Only drinks that have tops are allowed in the classroom. Other food and drink is for outside of class.

... and remember, "**Math is not a spectator sport!**"