

WELCOME TO ALGEBRA G/GEOMETRY G BLOCK

Mrs. Berenson/Ms. Lueken

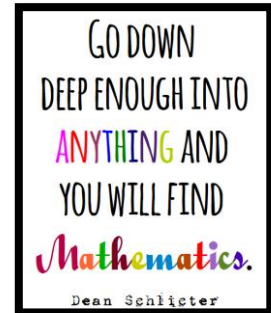
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Classroom website: mrsberenson.weebly.com

What should I expect from this class? This course is designed to give students a basic understanding of algebraic concepts that they can use in the study of other branches of mathematics in high school and college, in their career choices, or in everyday life. The study of algebra strengthens a student's ability of analysis and sharpens problem-solving skills.

What do I need for Class?

- 3-ring Binder/Folder
- Graphing Calculator TI-83/TI-84
- Textbook (Keep this at home)
- Pencil(s) and grading pen
- Loose Leaf Paper



What are the classroom expectations?

1. **Character Counts!** Respect everyone and everything in the room, including yourself.
*Absolutely NO talking when Mrs. Berenson/Ms. Lueken are talking and NO talking when your classmates are talking,
2. Be prepared. Have all materials ready when the bell rings.
3. Be on Time.
4. Have a Positive Attitude.
5. Obey all School Rules.

What is the electronic devices policy?

Students are expected to give their full attention to classroom activities. Cell phones, portable gaming systems, digital music players, and other electronic computing devices should be **turned off** and **put away** when students are in the classroom. **If a student has one of these devices out in class or if it rings in class, that student will receive a written dean's referral.**

- Earbuds/headphones need to be completely put away (zipped up in a book bag or under your desk).
- Finish texting/conversing on your phone BEFORE entering the classroom, and have the phone off and put away before class begins.
- Let me know if there is an emergency where you need to contact home right away and I will arrange for you to do so. If there is an emergency where your parents need to reach you, they will be able to contact the school and have you notified in class right away.

What if I disobey the classroom expectations?

1. First Offense = Verbal Warning
2. Second Offense = 15 minute detention
3. Third Offense = Phone call home
4. Fourth Offense = Dean Referral

*NOTE: If student fails to show up for detention, the student will receive an automatic dean referral.

**NOTE: I reserve the right to skip steps if necessary.

What is the attendance policy?

- If you have any absences **YOU** will be responsible for checking the absent folder in the classroom and our classroom Weebly website. **YOU** are responsible to go through the notes and assignments that you have missed. You should refer to your student handbook (Page 20) for general guidelines on turning in missing work. See Mrs. Berenson/Ms. Lueken if you have questions about the material.

How will I be graded?

My Semester Grade	
Quarter 1	40%
Quarter 2	40%
Q1/Q2 Exams	10/10%

My Quarter Grade	
Tests	40%
Quizzes	30%
Homework	20%
Class Activities	10%

Percentage	Letter Grade
90-100	A
80-89.9	B
70-79.9	C
60-69.9	D
0-59.9	F

What are Class Activities? You will receive points for various class activities throughout the school year. These may include differentiated activities, flipped classroom videos, warm-ups etc. Depending on the unit of study, there will be a couple of journal questions assigned in class. The journals are assigned to help you strengthen your communication, reasoning, and processing skills in mathematics. Also, it is another way for me to assess your level of mathematical thinking.

What is the homework policy?

You will have homework assigned **EVERY NIGHT**, with very few exceptions. You are expected to show all work. This means that all diagrams should be drawn and all work shown in a logical manner. Homework may be collected, checked for completion, or you may be given a homework quiz about the assignment. If you have questions about the assignment, you are expected to seek out help before school.



Quizzes and Tests:

In general, quizzes and tests will be announced ahead of time and displayed on the classroom calendar. You will not be assessed on a section until it has been taught and we have gone over the homework for that section.



**An absence on the day of a test or quiz results in the following:

It is your responsibility to arrange a time to make-up the test or quiz before or after school with your teachers. Assessments need to be completed according to the Student Handbook (Page 20).

What happens if I copy or cheat?

Dishonesty will not be tolerated and will result in severe penalties. You are cheating whether you are the giver or receiver of answers on homework, a test, etc. The *first* offense will result in a zero and a call home. The *second* offense will result in appropriate action from the dean, department head, and me.

What if I need extra help?

MRS. BERENSON

7:30-8:00	Room 104/Math Office
Period 1	Math Office
Period 2	Room 106
Period 3	Room 101
Period 4-8	Room 104
*Mrs. Berenson works part-time and will be gone for the day after 8 th period.	

MS. LUEKEN

7:30-8:00	Room 260
Period 1	Room 207
Period 2	Room 207
Period 3	Room 260
Period 4-8	Room 104
Period 9	Room 260
Period 10	Academic Center
3:00-3:30	Room 260