

Academic Algebra 2
Boyertown Area High School
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Welcome to Mr. Lubas' Academic Algebra 2 Class

Teacher Biography

I am a 2007 graduate of West Chester University graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Mathematics Education. In December 2009 I graduated with my Master's of Education Degree from Cabrini College. I have been married to my wife for thirteen years. We have a 7 year old daughter named Charlotte, a 5 year old son named Ryan, and a dog named Stella. In my spare time I like to spend time with my family and friends, work out, play basketball, and go to the beach.

Class Materials

You will be expected to bring the following items to class everyday:

1. Pencils with Erasers
2. Three Ring Binder to hold your textbook/notes packet
3. Graphing Calculator (TI 84 Family, or Desmos)
4. Chromebook

Rules

1. Be respectful - Respect the teachers, your peers, the school, and most important yourself
2. Be on time for class
3. Be prepared for class – Bring your class materials EVERYDAY
4. Be responsible
5. Water bottles only – No other food or drink is allowed in class
6. Cell phones in the caddy and only use when appropriate

Calculator Policy

A graphing calculator is required for this class. The BASH math department recommends a TI-84 graphing calculator, however a TI-83 will work as well. If you currently cannot get a TI graphing calculator, you may use the free Desmos graphing calculator. We will learn how to use both of these calculators this year. You must have your graphing calculator everyday when you are working on math.

Materials Policy

You must use a graphite pencil anytime you are working in the notes packet or doing work that will be turned in. Work turned in using a pen will not be graded.

My Expectations for My Students

I expect you to:

1. Work hard and try your best
2. Be an active participator in your group discussions and class work
3. Do your homework every night
4. Contact me if you are having any problems with school or homelife
5. When working in your groups, ask your group **FIRST** for help then ask me if everyone in the group is confused or has a question. I will be going from group to group.
6. Learn that math is FUN! I believe that everyone can be good at math! Some people may have had a bad experience in the past, but we will work together to make good math experiences!

Late Policy

When the bell rings you should be in your seat and start the bell ringer for the day. If you come into the room after the late bell you are late. You are permitted 2 late arrivals per quarter. Consequences for being late:

- 0 late arrivals - Amazing job
- 1-2 late arrivals – Warnings, be aware of your time!
- 3 or more late arrivals– School detention and email/phone call home

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones are to be placed in the cell phone holder in the front of the room by the time the bell rings. Attendance is taken using the phone caddy. If you do not have a cell phone for some reason, please put the “No Phone” card into your holder. Students may not listen to music via earbuds or bluetooth earbuds during class. If a student is using a cell phone inappropriately, a discipline referral will be written up. Cell phones must be placed in the cell phone holder for the entirety of all tests and quizzes.

Ending Class

We will be working up to the bell everyday. We will usually end class with some type of closure. Class is over when I dismiss the class. Before you leave please make sure all materials are put away and your area is clean. Also, please stay at your desk until you are dismissed.

Behavior Policy

In this class I use the 2 strike policy. If you break the classroom rules you get a strike!

No strikes – You are awesome!

- 1 strike – Warning
- 2 strikes – Detention and phone call home
- 3 strikes – All of the above plus an inclusive trip to the principal's office

** I have the right to change the policy for individuals that continue to misbehave

Bathroom Policy/Leaving the Room

It is very important that you are in the room to learn the material. For this reason, you are permitted to leave the room 8 times per quarter. This includes leaving the room to go to the bathroom, get a drink, go to the office (unless called for), or go to the nurse. Each quarter you will be given an individualized sign-out sheet to keep in your binder. When you need to leave the room, complete your sign out sheet and have Mr. Lubas sign it. You must also sign out using the classroom sign out sheet. Any unused blocks on your sign out sheet at the end of the quarter will result in bonus points towards the classwork portion of your grade, 1 point for each unused block. You must sign out when you leave the classroom.

Homework Policy

Homework is very important to learning the material. Homework is worth 3 points each time it is checked. It will be checked at random and graded by completeness. It is your responsibility to make sure your homework is complete and that you understand it. Homework will be posted in Google Classroom and also on the side board.

If you are having trouble you may come see me before or after school. You will have the opportunity to look at an answer key and ask questions on the day a homework assignment is due. However, we will not do every problem or spend more than five to ten minutes on the homework review.

Any student that habitually misses homework assignments will be assigned to the appropriate room during your open period or flex to make up your work.

Ways to receive math help:

1. Tutoring during school from other teachers during your open campus, study hall, or flex time.
2. Mr. Lubas before school or possibly during school by appointment.
3. Check the homework answers keys given out during class and the study guide answer keys on Google Classroom.

Academic Integrity

You are expected to complete YOUR OWN work at all times. Cheating shall be defined as intentionally copying another's work with the intent of presenting it as one's own, willingly providing one's own work to another student to claim as his/her own, and/or utilizing unauthorized materials (e.g. electronic device - cell phone, use of translation tools, etc.) during an assessment (e.g. test, quiz, projects, etc.). So yes, using your phone to get answers is considered cheating.

Students committing the offense of plagiarism and/or cheating in any class shall be penalized as follows:

- **First Infraction:** The student will be required to complete a remediated assignment and may receive a maximum of up to 50% credit for the remediated assignment.
- **Second Infraction:** Additional plagiarism and/or cheating may result in the assignment of a "0" grade for the particular assessment as consistent with BASH's differentiated discipline policy.

Grading

Grades are calculated by using total points. Your grade will consist of tests, quizzes, classwork assignments, projects, and homework assignments.

Final Grade Calculations

Final grades are calculated using the following weighted scale.

Quarter 1: 20%

Quarter 2: 20%

Midterm: 10%

Quarter 3: 20%

Quarter 4: 20%

End of Course Assessment: 10%

Final Grade Example: Quarter 1: 97%, Quarter 2: 90%, Midterm: 85%, Quarter 3: 88%, Quarter 4: 87%, End of Course Assessment: 92%

$$0.97(0.2) + 0.90(0.2) + 0.85(0.1) + 0.88(0.2) + 0.87(0.2) + 0.92(0.1) = 0.901 \\ = 90.1\% = A -$$

At times there may be problems given for extra credit. This will be given to the entire class. There is no special extra credit for one person. Letter grades will be given out according to the student handbook.

Late Assignment Policy

All assignments are expected to be completed on time. If assignments are turned in late, they will be penalized. Graded assignments will lose 10% for each day they are late. Late homework can be turned in for half credit (1.5 out of 3). **Study guides may not be turned in late.**

What To Do When You Miss Class

If you miss a class, I expect you to get the classwork and homework assignments from Google Classroom. If you missed notes, please watch the YouTube video lesson, found in Google Classroom, and take careful notes in your Chapter Packet. During the next day in class, make sure you hand in anything that was due the day you missed. Once you do those things please feel free to ask me any additional questions but do not just come in and say "Mr. Lubas, what did I miss yesterday?"

Make Up Work

If you are absent you must make up all of your work within the amount of days you were absent in order to receive full credit. For example, if you miss 2 days of school, you must make up all of your work within 2 days of coming back. If you are absent the day before an assessment, you still must take the assessment with the rest of the class. Assessments will be announced at least 4 days prior to the assessment. All work must be made up prior to the chapter test.

Retake Policy

Students may retake **one** assessment (test or quiz) per quarter. In order to retake an assessment, the student must go to tutoring and complete the remediation assignments assigned by me. Retakes must be taken within 2 cycles (12 school days) of getting the assessment back. A maximum score of 70% can be earned by retaking the assessment.

If you ever have any problems or questions, please stop in to see me before or after school. Your parents are welcome to contact me anytime via email or school phone if they have any concerns.

I'm very excited for a great school year. FAILURE is just the First Attempt At Learning. I expect you to work hard, be respectful, learn a lot, and enjoy the class! Remember, "whatever your 100% looks like, give it!"

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