

# PreCalculus Magnet A - (2008 - 2009)

**Textbook: Precalculus Enhanced With Graphing Utilities – Fourth Edition  
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This course is very important for all students to acquire most of the skills required to be successful in Advanced Placement Calculus AB in senior year. In order to succeed, students need to do daily practice of previously learned concepts and work on a regular basis to learn new concepts; keep in touch with me on a regular basis about difficulties; work on homework assignments seriously and being prepared to ask questions when the homework is reviewed in class; pay full attention in class, take good notes, and review them daily; and review all quizzes and homework problems before a major exam and making sure that these problems can be worked successfully without assistance.

## GRADING POLICY:

<b>TESTS</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>QUIZZES</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>HOMEWORK</b>	<b>10%</b>

Exams will account for 50% of the grade and will be given after completion of a unit. Exam dates will be announced approximately 1 week in advance. There will be at least 2 exams per grading cycle.

Quizzes will account for 40% of the grade and will be given approximately 4 times per grading cycle.

Homework assignments account for 10% of the grade and are due at the beginning of the next class period after an assignment is given. Homework is graded on effort and percent of work completed, not necessarily on correct answers. Process steps must be shown for each problem. No credit will be given for late homework assignments. One homework grade will be dropped per cycle.

**Course Outline:** A tentative schedule for lessons, homework assignments, quizzes and exams will be provided to students at the beginning of each grading cycle.

## PreCalculus A Units:

Cycle 1: Equations and Graphs, Functions

Cycle 2: Polynomial and Rational Functions.

Cycle 3: Exponential and Logarithmic Functions.

**Math binder:** All homework assignments, quizzes, and exams must be kept in a separate math binder. The math binder must be brought to class each day.

**Returning graded assignments:** Exams and quizzes will be graded and returned to students within two class periods from the time of administration. Parents are requested to monitor the progress of their child through these graded assignments and contact me immediately if there are questions or concerns.

**Progress reports:** All students will receive a progress report during the fourth week of each grading cycle. Students are expected to have a parent sign the progress report and return it the following class period.

## Class Rules:

1. Arrive to class prepared and on time. Textbook should be brought daily.
2. Do your own work. Exams and quizzes are to be completed independently.
3. Turn in assignments on time. Late work will not be accepted unless due to an absence.
4. Treat others with courtesy and respect.

**Absences:** If you must be absent, notify me as soon as possible to receive your work ahead of time. If the absence was not anticipated, it is the responsibility of the student to find out about missed assignments. You will be given one class day to turn in work missed as a result of an absence. If you are absent on the day of a major exam or quiz, you must schedule a make-up activity on your first day back to class.

**Tutoring/Extra Help:** Students will have opportunities to attend tutorials outside of the school day. Details will be announced in class during the first week of school.

**Calculator:** TI 83 Plus will be used in class. I would like each student to buy a calculator (TI 84 Silver Edition or TI 89) as it will be required for homework and for their college courses too. Calculator will be issued in class by signing in. It is student's responsibility to return it at the end of the class. Any calculator lost/mishandled by the student will have to be replaced by the parents.

Please refer to the school time tracker for all other school policies **especially about the use of cell phone and electronic devices in school premises.**

## Student Keys to Success:

- Daily practice of previously learned concepts and working on a regular basis to learn new concepts.
- Keeping in touch with me on a regular basis about difficulties.
- Working on homework assignments seriously and being prepared to ask questions when the homework is reviewed in class.
- Paying full attention in class, taking good notes and reviewing them daily.
- Reviewing all quizzes and homework problems before an exam and making sure that these problems can be worked successfully without assistance.

I have carefully read and understand the rules, guidelines and procedures for this class.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have carefully read and discussed these guidelines with my child.

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