

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School

SYLLABUS

Course **Title:** Pre-Algebra

Teacher: Mr. Cooper

Introduction:

This course is designed to help students become successful mathematics and problem solvers. Students who successfully complete this course will have the necessary preparation to be successful in Algebra I.

This course will progress as follows: the students will be using the upper-level skills of arithmetic while being introduced to more abstract concepts. During this year long course, the curriculum will concentrate on the use of fractions, mixed numbers and decimals. Students will also be introduced to word problems involving percent, ratio, area and volume.

Administering the Requirements:

1. Assigned readings and work from the text.
2. Homework: Daily homework will be given. Students are expected to complete these assignments and present them to the teacher the next day.
3. Notebook: Students are required to keep a neat, up to date notebook.
4. Class Preparation: Students are required to attend class each day with the following materials: the text, a pencil, a calculator, completed homework when assigned, and any other materials as directed by the teacher. Failure to do so will result in a loss of participation points.
5. Depending on the topic, students may work at an individual pace. This may make checking scores in Power School a little confusing at first. Please contact me for an explanation when necessary.

Evaluation of Progress:

1. Each assignment given will be worth a certain number of points. This will be shown as a fraction on graded assignments. The top number will indicate points earned, the bottom number points possible.
2. Participation: students are expected to productively and responsibly participate in all course activities. 2 participation points will be awarded daily to students who accomplish this. Points will be deducted for uninvolved or disruptive behavior. Behaviors deemed as disruptive, disrespectful or dangerous may also involve the student receiving a grade of 0 for the activity during which it occurred.
3. Tests: tests will be given at the end of each chapter.
4. Quizzes: quizzes will be given when necessary.
5. Make-up work: students are responsible for getting their own make-up work. Make-up work, including 4 tests, is due 5 school days after the student's return unless otherwise directed by the teacher.
6. Books/Materials: Pre-Algebra (2008): Holt McDougal

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. Your child's success is my priority.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date _____