

VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL
“Learning for Life”
Algebra 2/Trig B

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is open to students in grades 9-12. Some of the major topics students will investigate throughout the course include quadratic equations, conic sections, polynomial functions, rational expressions, exponential and logarithmic functions, sequences and series, probability, right triangle trigonometry, and trigonometric identities.

TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

Please bring the following to class every day:

- purple *Algebra and Trigonometry* book (Houghton Mifflin – replacement cost is \$113)
- sharpened pencils
- notebook paper for notes and homework
- graph paper (optional, but recommended)
- any assignments that are due
- scientific or graphing calculator

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework is due the day after it is assigned. Homework will be graded on the basis of completion and a reasonable attempt at problems assigned. Students are responsible for attempting all problems and making the appropriate corrections when we review them the next day in class to receive full credit. Late homework will be accepted for half credit up until the day of the test.

GRADING SYSTEM

- Homework will be worth 20% of the overall grade.
- There will be a final exam worth 20% of the overall grade.
- Tests and quizzes will be worth 60% of the overall grade.
- Grading scale: A = 90-100%, B = 80-89%, C = 70-79%, D = 60-69%, F = below 60%

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Be prepared for class. This means being in your seat when the tardy bell rings, ready to begin immediately.
- Be respectful of others. This includes not talking while other students or the teacher are talking.
- No food or drink during class (water is allowed).
- Stay in your seat until the final bell rings.
- Cell phones must be turned off and put away at all times.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Any student involved in dishonesty on any work will be subject to one or more of the following consequences: an automatic zero on the work, suspension from class, referral to an assistant principal, or a conference between the AP, parents, and the teacher.

ATTENDANCE/TARDY POLICY

Attendance is important and is directly related to your success. To be successful, students need to be in class and on time each day. The school tardy policy and district attendance policy will be enforced. Students who are absent will be allowed as many days as they were gone to make up assignments. If you know you must be absent the day of a test or quiz, please inform the instructor ahead of time. Students will be expected to be prepared to make up the test or quiz the day they return to school.

WEBSITE

My website can be reached by going to the Valencia High School website at www.valenciavikings.com. From there, click on "VHS Info" and then scroll down to my name. The direct link to the site is <http://staff.hartdistrict.org/sbellows>. Information on the website will include homework assignments and grades.

TEACHER COMMUNICATION

- The best way to reach me is by email: sbellows@hartdistrict.org
- I will be available for extra help at lunch most days.

Please print and fill out this page, indicating that you have read and understand the information.

Student Name (please print): _____ Period: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Email: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Home phone: _____ Mom's work: _____ Dad's work: _____

Parent(s) Email: _____