

West Ranch High School
Algebra C
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*West Ranch High School instills students with a **vision** and expects its graduates to...*

...take initiative in pursuing noble post-secondary goals

...find ways to make their high school experience meaningful

...see the connections between different academic disciplines

West Ranch High School Expected Schoolwide Learning Results

Dear Students and Parents:

This is the third semester of a three semester course in Algebra I. In this course we will cover various topics necessary to mastering the California State Standards in Algebra I. Upon completion of Algebra C with a C or higher, students will move on to Algebra II Prep or Algebra IIA. In order for students to be prepared for future math classes we will also be reviewing basic math and arithmetic skills.

Class Materials

*West Ranch High School promotes **responsibility** and expects its graduates to...*

...take ownership of their own learning and advancement

...demonstrate a commitment to civic and environmental activism

...honor and take pride in themselves, their campus, their community, their nation

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Students should bring the following to class everyday.

- A large 3 ring binder w/lined paper and few sheets of graph paper
- A set of 4 tabs/dividers (labeled notes, homework, quizzes, and tests)
- Sharpened pencils
- A calculator will NOT be allowed in Algebra C.

Textbook

The textbook used in this course is Algebra 1 by McDougal Littell. The replacement cost of the textbook is \$89.

Grading

*West Ranch High School inspires its students to **excel** in all areas of development and expects its graduates to...*

...pursue worthy academic goals

...grow as a scholar, athlete, artist, and person

...strive for improvement in all areas of development regardless of current achievement

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		Advanced			
A-	90-93.9%	A	94-99.9%	A+	At or Above 100%
		Proficient			
B-	80-83.9%	B	84-86.9%	B+	87-89.9%
		Basic			
C-	70-73.9%	C	74-76.9%	C+	77-79.9%
Below Basic (Requires Course be Repeated)					
D-	60-63.9%	D	64-66.9%	D+	67-69.9%
Far Below Basic (Requires Course be Repeated)					
		F	0-59.9%		

Overall Percent Basis:

Homework/Classwork: *Includes Homework Checks & Parent Quizzes* 20%

Tests: *Includes Quizzes, Mixed Reviews, Chapter Tests, and Cumulative Tests* 60%

Final Exam 20%

Homework Policy

Mastery of homework for Algebra C is vital to success in the course. Failure to master a homework assignment can jeopardize the overall knowledge of the course. Students will take the skills gained from Algebra C and apply it to far more challenging endeavors in future higher level math courses. I cannot stress the importance of homework mastery enough. I understand, however, that sometimes errors in judgment, such as forgetting a homework assignment, choosing not to master a homework assignment, etc., can happen. In order to ensure your child has an opportunity to make up with assignments, we offer homework help during lunch for students to complete incomplete/late homework. It is the student's responsibility to complete those assignments. Any assignment that is not completed will be recorded as a zero. Late assignments for each chapter may be accepted for up to 20% credit up until the day of the chapter test.

Extra Help

Parents and Students, I cannot emphasize enough how important it is for us to communicate at the first sign of a problem (e.g. your student is unable to understand the assignment, your student does not have the resources required to complete the assignment, etc.). Please check my website often for assignments and helpful links. Also, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or e-mail.

I am available for extra help every day from 6:10-7:00 a.m. or 8:00-8:25 a.m. and by appointment at brunch and lunch.

West Ranch also offers a variety of extra help opportunities, including Math Help Club at lunch and Open Library Nights. You can check the school website for the most up-to-date list of dates and times. Please be sure to give your student permission to attend these helpful academic activities on my Course Outline Signature Page.

Expectations

West Ranch High School honors the **distinctions** that make each person unique and expects its graduates to...

...value diversity of all types

...strive to make themselves stand out positively in academic and cocurricular endeavors

...apply their unique strengths to problems to reach solutions

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In addition...

West Ranch High School encourages students to find **value** in themselves and in others and expects its graduates to...

...go beyond the classroom and apply their education to their lives

...make important contributions to the classroom, cocurricular arena, and community

...realize that new experiences and relationships can enrich their lives

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CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT POLICY

- Each student is to be in his/her seat **before** the tardy bell rings.
- Cell phones and audio devices **ARE NOT** to be taken out during class at **ANY TIME**.
- Each student is to be prepared for all and any class activity with a sharpened pencil, paper, textbook, and any due assignments.
- Food, gum, and drinks (water is alright) are not allowed in the classroom.
- Each student is responsible for the area surrounding his/her desk and will be expected to dispose of trash in an appropriate manner.
- No waiting by the door toward the end of class.
- The overall rule in this classroom is "EVERY STUDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO LEARN AND EVERY TEACHER HAS THE RIGHT TO TEACH." West Ranch High School's "Behavioral Standards" will be enforced in this class.

Keep in mind that these are school and district guidelines and are in place to foster a healthy and positive learning environment.

Hall Pass Policy

Please note that the hall pass may only be used at MY discretion, and will not be given out when it is disruptive to the lecture or to the task at hand. I also reserve the right to restrict use of the hall pass to any person should I feel that this privilege is being taken advantage of.

Plagiarism/Academic Dishonesty

*West Ranch High School emphasizes **integrity** and expects its graduates to...*

...conduct themselves honorably in the classroom, in the athletic arena, and in the community

...lead others through ethical example

...examine their choices and thereby improve their own character

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To plagiarize is to use and pass off (the ideas or writings of another) as one's own. This means that when you take credit for someone else ideas, thoughts or words, you are committing plagiarism. This does not just apply to the person stealing the information. If you allow someone to steal your ideas, thoughts or words, you are guilty of academic dishonesty as well.

Academic dishonesty can also occur when a student uses notes, or other materials, during an assessment, test, or quiz, when they were given explicit instructions not to do so.

Any student who participates in any fashion, in any form of academic dishonesty will not only earn a zero on the assignment in question, but may face disciplinary action as well. At the very least, parents will be contacted, and the student in question will receive a disciplinary referral to the office.

West Ranch High School Mission Statement

“West Ranch High School is committed to challenging and motivating each student to achieve excellence and become a responsible and valuable member of society. Through relationships, rigor, and relevance, West Ranch High School promotes integrity, distinction, and vision.”

I am looking forward to a great year and hope to see or hear from you soon!

Thank You,

Brady Burrill

West Ranch High School (Mr. Burrill)

Course Orientation Signature Page

(Please note that all information you provide will be kept confidential.)

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Home phone: _____

Parent/Guardian name and cell phone: _____

Parent/Guardian name and cell phone: _____

Student cell phone: _____

Parent/Guardian name and e-mail: _____

Parent/Guardian name and e-mail: _____

Student e-mail: _____

From the parent/guardian to the teacher:

Here is some important information that I would like you to know about my child:

From the student to the teacher:

Here is some important information that I would like for you to know about me:

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the requirements for this class as outlined in this course orientation.

Student signature: _____ date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ date: _____

West Ranch is proud to be able to offer many opportunities for extra academic help. We need your permission to allow your child to be on campus after school, or on weekends, for these review sessions. Please initial in the appropriate space below:

_____ Please initial here if you give your student permission to attend after school or weekend academic intervention sessions to receive the help they need to be successful in this class.

_____ Please initial here if your student is **NOT** allowed to attend any after school or weekend academic intervention sessions.