

## **Algebra**

Mr. Bond  
Team 8-3

Hello and welcome to algebra! I'm Mr. Bond and I look forward to being your teacher for the upcoming school year. This will be my 31<sup>st</sup> year teaching math in the Forest Hills School District. I began teaching at Turpin Middle School in 1979. I've also taught at Forest Hills Junior School and Turpin High School. I was at Turpin until the opening of Nagel Middle School, where I've been ever since. I received my BA from the University of Cincinnati. My wife and I, with our 2 children, currently live in Anderson.

By the end of the course you will have an understanding of a wide variety of mathematical topics. You will be able to integrate mathematical concepts into everyday life

### **Required Materials**

A binder that is only used for math., pencils, a calculator (preferably TI-30) (or TI-83 if you wish), a combination ruler/protractor, notebook paper and graph paper.

### **Course Schedule**

Areas of study include: Equations and Inequalities, Functions and Graphs, Ratio and Proportion, Exponents, Polynomials, and Radicals, all with an emphasis on problem solving, analysis, and preparation for the OAT.

### **Classroom Expectations (The 4 B's)**

1. Be on time.
2. Be prepared.
3. Be courteous.
4. Be on task

### **Homework**

I usually assign homework every day, except the night before and after a major test. I try to allow at least 10 minutes of class to start the assignment. Students may ask questions during class the next day. I grade homework on completion and following directions, not how many right or wrong. Assignments are written on the board and should be copied into the planners. Assignments are posted weekly on Progress Book. Homework is about 25% of your grade.

### **Late Assignments:**

I will accept late work the next day for partial credit.

### **Tests**

Tests are scheduled every two to three weeks. I announce tests about a week in advance. Students will receive a review worksheet two days before the test. Tests are returned within two to three days. Tests are about 65% of your grade.

### **Quizzes**

Quizzes are announced two to three days in advance. Students will be told what types of questions are on the quiz. Quizzes are about 5 % of your grade.

## **Group Projects**

Students will occasionally work on an assignment in a group. Each student will be responsible for their own work. Their grade will be based on completing their work not what other students do. Projects are about 5 % of your grade.

## **Final Exams**

Comprehensive final exams will be administered at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. You will receive review worksheets about 1 week before the final.

## **Grading Scale:**

The grading scale will follow that of the district.

93-100% A    85-92% B    76-84% C    70-75-% D    Below 70% F

## **Contact Information**

The easiest way to reach me is by email or you can contact the school by phone.

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I am looking forward to a great school year and I hope you are as well.