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**Course Description:**

The Algebra extension course focuses on the Pre-Algebra skills intended to build a firm foundation of skills to assist students as they move to more challenging and complex mathematic problems.

Students will use hands-on exploration, visual clarification, and written expression with symbols. Students will work in pairs and small groups and practice math skills using computer programs. Instruction will include visual and hands-on activities. The general pacing is dependent upon achievement gains demonstrated through a variety of assessments throughout the course.

**Classroom Expectations: Grading Expectations:**

1. Come to class READY to learn. Classwork/Notebook 50%

2. RESPECT you, others, and all property. Activities/Projects 50%

3. Think and be RESPONSIBLE.

**Use of cell phones or other electronic devices will not be tolerated during instructional time unless special permission is given in advance.**

**Hall Passes**

Students will be allowed to leave the room for emergency purposes at the teacher’s discretion. Abuse of hall pass privileges could result in disciplinary action and hall pass privileges may be revoked.

**Positive Behavior Bonus**

Students who exhibit positive behaviors throughout the duration of the quarter will earn a bonus. The bonus is awarded if the student meets the following requirements during the quarter:

-No disciplinary issues

-No missing assignments

**Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior:**

1. Verbal Warning

2. Conference with Student

3. Parental contact (by phone or email)

4. Referral to office/ Parental contact (by phone or email)

\* Note that if an infraction of the rules is severe enough, the instructor reserves the right to use an appropriate consequence out of sequence.

**Supplies Needed:**

A device that has internet access

Both Regular and Colored Pencils

Spiral Notebook or Binder/Folder

Pens (assorted colors)

A graphing calculator (suggested TI-83 or 84) – optional for home practice

\*\*Projects will be assigned quarterly. Some projects will be completed in class, while others will be completed at home. Each project will be discussed in class, as well as examples of completed projects. Students will be given a rubric for grading.