

Welcome to Transition Algebra with Mr. Dulaney! During the course of this class, we will explore the extended properties of Algebra, with the goal of applying these skills to real-world situations in a practical manner as well as understanding the concepts behind them.

Materials Needed (Daily):

Pencil, Folder / Binder (for keeping notes / activities), Calculator

Grading

Homework / Classroom Activities / Small Projects:

Homework which involves computation practice will be given after each lesson. This will usually consist of 20 problems. Sometimes, this will be collected and graded the following day (announced in advanced). Other times, a short homework quiz will be given, with the problems as practice. In this case, each student is to complete enough of the questions to be comfortable with the topic, as many or few as that is. **Homework practice will NOT be collected. Instead, a 3-5 question quiz will be given the day after the assignment, with questions selected randomly from the assignment.** You may NOT use your homework, notes, book, or other materials for these quizzes. These homework quizzes, along with some small projects (which may involve some take home required work) and in-class activities, will make up your homework grade.

Cumulative Quizzes will be given after smaller units of study. These will almost always be announced in advance, and include Notes quizzes.

Exams are given with each unit of study. Larger chapters may be broken down into smaller units, with an exam for each.

Participation / Bell Ringers: At the start of class when you enter, there will be a problem on the board (if not doing a homework quiz that day). You will write the problem down, any work needed to solve it, and the answer.

Classroom Procedures

Start of the Hour: Students should be in their seat at the bell, ready to begin classwork. **Homework MUST be turned in to the appropriate basket before class (teaching) starts. Turn it in when you get in the room, if it's being collected that day.** All needed materials must be brought to class, as trips back to your locker will not be permitted after the bell.

Binder Checks: Binder checks will be once per chapter. I will collect these on Test day, for the chapter. You will be graded on having all notes, in order, and completed for the chapter, in addition to any other handouts and work.

Late Work / Missing Assignments

- Handbook policy applies for an excused absence.
- Late work **MAY** be accepted after this time, for no more than half credit. **NO late work will be accepted within the last week of the grading period, except for excused absences.**
- **Students are responsible** for getting any missing assignments / notes, as well as scheduling times to make up any missed quizzes / exams. To find out what you missed, you can check the boards on the side wall, Mr. Dulaney's website (<https://mathwithmrdulaney.com>) , or ask a classmate.
- For copies of missed printed notes / assignments, see <https://mathwithmrdulaney.com> . (anything hand-written, you are responsible for borrowing and re-writing from a classmate).

Calculator Policy

- Calculators are found at each spot on the desks. They may NOT leave the classroom, and students are responsible to any damage, defacing, or loss of calculator caused by misuse. **Cell phones may NOT be used for a calculator in the classroom, for any reason.**

Classroom Policies

- No food / drink. Water in clear plastic bottles only will be allowed.
- No backpacks (drawstrings are ok, if they fit under the desk).
- Passes are given on an emergency basis only, and none will be given during the first or last 10 minutes of the class. No passes will be given for forgotten books / calculators / work.
- Respect each other. All handbook policies apply.
- Referrals will be written for repeated offenses or gross misconduct.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones may not out for any reason, without prior approval from Mr. Dulaney. They **must** be turned to silent or off, and out of sight (pocket, bag, etc).

The exception to this is if you wish to charge your phone at Mr. Dulaney's charging station. Procedures for this will be discussed on the first day of class. Once your phone is on the charging station, you may not remove it until the end of class.

You will **occasionally** be permitted (upon asking) to listen to music on your phone, once all work is completed, and permission is granted. To do so, you must have headphones in, and you may not be on the phone itself (start a playlist, and put it away). Fiddling with the phone (texting, games, etc) while listening to music will be treated in the same way as phone use without permission.

1st Offence: Phone is turned off and placed in a self-sealing envelope with your name on it, and given to you. The envelope must stay visible on the desk and unopened until the end of the hour.

2nd+ Offence (per quarter): Same as 1st, except the phone is turned into the office, and you may pick it up at the end of the day. Parent is called.

Refusal on of the above will result in an automatic referral.