

PRE-CALULUS & DISCRETE MATH

Period 4
11:09-11:55

2007-2008
Mr. Baron

OBJECTIVE

To cover those topics which encompass and relate to trigonometry and statistics and to prepare students for the next level of college-prep math.

SCORING

Raw scores on tests, quizzes and homework will vary. However, each is scaled as follows:

Tests	100 pts
Quizzes	25 pts
Hw Quizzes/Collected	10 pts
Homework daily	5 pts

HOMEWORK

Homework will be checked and graded daily for completion (out of 5 pts) and time will be given at the beginning of class to go over homework problems. Occasionally I will collect homework or give a homework quiz to make sure homework is being done (graded out of 10 pts). **Homework for a given chapter MUST be completed and turned in by the day the Chapter Test! Quizzes for a chapter must be taken before the Chapter Test. DO THE HOMEWORK.** There is a strong correlation between doing homework and test scores.

PROJECTS

I am working on getting some. They will vary anywhere from 25 pts to 75 points.

GRADES

Grades are based on the standard scale.

>100% = A+	80 - 82.9% = B-	63 - 66.9% = D
94 - 99.9% = A	77 - 79.9% = C+	60 - 62.9% = D-
90 - 93.9% = A-	73 - 76.9% = C	<60% = F
87 - 90.9% = B+	70 - 72.9% = C-	
83 - 86.9% = B	67 - 69.9% = D+	

** This is a guide and not set in stone. More effort may warrant a higher grade or low effort may warrant a lower grade. I reserve the right to modify grades as I see necessary.*

CHEATING

No class I have ever been in has allowed cheating...and so mine will continue to follow that policy. Cheating is NOT allowed, period. The following is my policy on cheating:

1st offense	Warning
2nd offense	Zero for assignment
3rd offense	Expulsion from class for remainder of year and a failing grade.

DISCIPLINE

Being a disruption in class is disrespectful to your classmates, to me, and to yourself. I am easy-going but there is a time and place for it. You will be given 70 participation points at the beginning of the semester. You can lose the points in the following way:

1st offense for the day	Warning
2nd offense for the day	Loss of 5 points (may vary to 2.5)
3rd offense for the day	Loss of 5 more points and sent to the office or detention given

**** If a student is removed from class more than 2 times in a semester, they will receive a failing grade for the semester.***

NOTES

Notes are not required but ENCOURAGED to be taken. You are responsible young adults now. I trust you will do what you need to do to do well in the class.

CELL PHONES, MP3 PLAYERS AND OTHER NOISE DEVICES

If I see them or earphones or ANYTHING before my lesson is done, the device will be mine for the day. If it becomes a problem, the class will simply lose that privilege. For cell phones, I use the policy outlined in the student handbook.

CALCULATORS

Are provided for all. Put your card in for the calculator you borrow. Get used to them. They will be useful in math from here on forward, and especially in college math.

ABSENSES

If you miss a class session, YOU are responsible for learning what you missed, whether it is by asking me or a classmate. Your classmates will have notes. GET A COPY FROM THEM. You can come to me during work time or any other free time and get help.

Homework can turned in anytime before the end of the Chapter. Quizzes need to be completed before the Chapter Test is taken. Tests are to be taken within ONE WEEK of return. This may not always be possible, so there may be exceptions for individual cases.

I truly hope not to have to enforce the above cheating and discipline policies. All that is needed on your part is to be respectful and to work hard. I thank you in advance for being and doing so. Come see me anytime during my prep, study hall, before school, or after school if you need help or have questions.

----- ATTACH AND RETURN FOR 5 EXTRA CREDIT PTS -----

I have read through the above syllabus and understand the policies.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Number: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parents:

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--- Grades can be found on the following website.

www.geocities.com/rbaron17

--- Students and parents can check grades regularly. I usually update grades once a week. They are saved as PDF files, so you will need Adobe Reader (which comes on most computers, or you can download it for free on www.adobeacrobat.com (look for FREE DOWNLOAD).

--- Grades will be shown with the student's lunch number as their identifying factor. NO NAMES WILL BE PUT ON THE WEBPAGE.

--- If you need to contact me, my you can e-mail me at ryan_baron@tricounty.k12.mn.us or you can call me at **436 - 2266**. Feel free to e-mail me at anytime. Calling before or after school would be best.