

**Course Syllabus 2020-2021**  
**Rivera Early College High School – Mathematics Department**  
**Welcome to Algebra I**

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**Conference Period: 3:25 to 4:10 p.m.**

***COURSE OUTLINE:***

- *Solving equations and inequalities*
- *Linear functions*
- *Systems of equations and inequalities*
- *Polynomials and factoring*
- *Quadratic functions and equations*
- *Exponential functions and equations*

This course will prepare your child for the Algebra I EOC Exam (FINAL), which will permit students to achieve academic success and open the door towards High School graduation and Post-secondary education. The student will be subject to a variety of assessments which may include but not limit to writing across the curriculum, PBL activities, POD's, Exit / Entrance tickets, interactive notebooks, and/or cooperative work.

***DAILY STUDENT MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES:***

**\*\*Need to have at least notebook and a pencil the first day of school.**

- 3 spiral notebook with graphing or line
- 3 packs mechanical pencils 0.7mm
- 1 Pack of 0.7mm lead refill
- 2 packs of cap eraser or a Large eraser
- A 3-ring binder (1  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 2 inches)
- 1 Pack of Paper 100 sheet or more

**Note:** If student needs an **Algebra I Textbook**, parent/legal guardian will have to check it out from the **front office**.

To help your child excel, graphing calculators will be provided for **class use only**. The calculator is **NOT A CRUTCH** but a tool that will be used throughout the student's entire learning career. Students will be assigned a calculator, **if and only if**, student and parents have read, signed the proper form, and brought it back to the instructor.

**\*\* We will not use a graphing calculator the first semester.  
Students may use their own personal calculator.**

### **HOMEWORK / DAILY WORK:**

*As a consequence of the short class time, students will be issued homework assignments on a daily basis depending on the days of closure of each lesson taught. Students will be given sufficient time to complete the assignments based on the length of such.*

### **GRADING POLICY PROCEDURES:**

The general grading policy of BISD every Six Weeks/ Grading Period is:

- A minimum of 4 Minor Assessments (Daily Grades) worth 40% of the grades
- A minimum of 4 Major Assessments (Test Grades) worth 60% of the grades

Each Six weeks and Semester Exam is worth 25%

1<sup>st</sup> six weeks – 25%, 2<sup>nd</sup> six weeks – 25%, 3<sup>rd</sup> six weeks – 25%, semester exam – 25%.

### **ACCESS STUDENT'S GRADES**

*Parent or Legal Guardian will need to go to the front office to request a Home Access Code to register.*

### **MAKE UP WORK:**

- No student will be refused an opportunity to make up work if he/she is absent. The student will be given the same number of days as the number of days he/she was absent to turn in the work.
- A student must make arrangements for makeup work on the day he/she returns to school. The teacher and student can decide when work is due.
- Students absent only on a known test day will be expected to take a test upon return. If any student has been absent the day prior to an announced test and if nothing new has been covered, the student will be expected to take the test at the regularly scheduled time. If the student has been absent two or more days, the student will immediately make arrangements with the teacher for the makeup tests.

### **RE-TESTING:**

After a failing grade on a test (NOT quizzes, 6-weeks exams, or semester exams), it is your responsibility to ask for a retest. That retesting must occur within five days of the failed test, as per district policy. It is strongly recommended that the student attend after school tutorial and accurately completes test corrections prior to re-testing. Scores for a successful re-test will be recorded as the minimum-passing grade of 70%. Re-test date and time will be announced in written or verbal form. If you score lower on the retest (than in the original

administration) the highest failing score will be recorded. If you fail to appear for scheduled retest, first test grade will be recorded.

#### ***CHEATING:***

- Cheating is interpreted as a procedure which involves the unauthorized giving or receiving of help, offering or seeking aid, or the use of material prepared in advance for use on an assessment. Cheating also involves books or notes in any form being used during an examination without the permission of the teacher. The penalty is a “0” on that work, and a failure for the semester [which will be recorded as a zero (0) in the teacher's grade book] if cheating occurs a second time during the same semester.
- The statement “The penalty is a zero “0” on that work” is interpreted to mean the actual work that the student cheated on by itself or that the student had access to during the examination at the time the student was caught cheating. Retesting will not be allowed in this situation.
- Plagiarism (the stealing and passing off/presenting as new, original and one’s own idea or product derived from an existing source) is cheating.
- A test given in parts and which the student has not had access to at the time he/she was caught cheating is not intended to mean “on that work”.

#### ***TARDIES:***

You are expected to be on time to class. Excessive tardiness will result in parent calling and further consequences as per Rivera ECHS policy.

#### ***TUTORING TIMES:***

The schedule for Rivera tutorials will be posted/announced as soon as they become available.

#### ***CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:***

I will be providing a learning atmosphere that will allow your child to learn the objectives as set by the **Student’s (Code of Conduct) Handbook** and **Classroom Rules adopted by Rivera E.C.H. S.**

To do this, I will need the cooperation of each student in the class. Some expectations include:

- Be courteous and respectful to the teacher as well as other students.
- You are EXPECTED to come prepared to class with notebook, pencil, and homework if issued.
- Foods, drinks, and candies are **not allowed** in the classroom.
- You are expected to be ON TIME each class day and remain in your assigned seat until the **teacher dismisses the class, not the bell.**
- No teacher-to-teacher passes/excuses will be accepted or given. You may not go to the library during my class hour or return to a previous class.
- Use appropriate language at all times. Avoid any type of cursing or profanity.
- Follow all Rivera E.C.H. S. and BISD policies and guidelines as outlined in the student handbook. The DRESS CODE will also be enforced.
- Restroom passes will not be given the first and last 10 minutes of class. Exceptions will be allowed for medical reasons with proper doctor’s note on file.
- The USE of electronic devices that are NOT provided by the teacher will NOT be allowed. (for ex: cell phones, I-Pods, MP3 players, headphones, DS handheld game, paging devices, walkie-talkie’s, I-Pads, tablets, etc.) They will be confiscated and turned in to the office.

- The students ARE NOT allowed to wear any TYPE of hats, caps, visors, etc. in the classroom (except for medical reasons). Beauty and make-up accessories, magazines, and playing cards are also prohibited. I will confiscate those items and turn them in to the office.

**Parent or Guardian Responsibilities:**

Parents are responsible for keeping up with student discipline, grades and progress throughout the year.

Monitor your child progress in a weekly basis (Homework, Pending/Missing Assignments)

Check your child goes to school with necessary materials ( Notebook, Binder, Pen/Pencil)

Monitor your child attendances

Contact teacher by email, phone or conference on child's progress

**STUDENT - PARENT - TEACHER - AGREEMENT**

I (print your name) \_\_\_\_\_ have read the classroom expectations. I have also made my parent(s)/legal guardian(s) aware of what my responsibilities in the classroom are. My parent(s)/legal guardian(s) and I understand that if I do not follow these rules certain consequences could result.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed and returned \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature Jaime Urbina

Room: D-212

Conference Period: 9<sup>th</sup> Period