

## **Welcome to Pre-Calculus with Mr. Carpenter**

### CLASS EXPECTATIONS

**Be Respectful:** Every student has the right to a safe and secure classroom; you do not have the right to impede or jeopardize that in any way. Be respectful of yourself, your environment, your fellow classmates, and your teacher. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

**Be Responsible:** Act rationally; choose wisely. Recognize your own role in building a community of learners. Understand there will be consequences, both good and bad, for your actions.

**Be Safe:** Think about where you are and whom you are with. We must guarantee against harm or injury to another. Think. Ask yourself is it worth it? Would I want this done to me? I will not tolerate, nor should you, any behavior that takes away from the safety of this classroom.

**Be Cooperative:** Time and again you will be asked to do something that you may not like or think is worthless. Be mature; work through it.. Our world demands that you work well with others. Think—choose wisely.

**Be A Worker:** Do your job! Challenge yourself to be productive. You are here; use your time wisely.

**Be Peaceful:** Simply put, be kind to each other—exercise self-control.

**Be Prepared:** Bring your questions, notebook, paper, pencil, pen, and calculator each class. Have your homework completed.

### BRING TO CLASS DAILY

3-ring binder or separate math folder  
Spiral math notebook or composition book  
Pencil and erasers  
Calculator (TI-83 Plus OR TI-84 Plus preferred not required)  
Textbook (Not required in class but expect homework from the book every night)  
Red Pen- all homework grading will be done by the student

### GRADE BREAKDOWN

Tests: 70%  
Homework/Practice: 10%  
Exam: 20%

I will grade on the traditional scale as follows:

90% - 100% = A  
80% - 89% = B  
70% - 79% = C  
60% - 69% = D  
59% or below = F

### HOMEWORK/PRACTICE

Homework is assigned almost every day because math requires practice, just like a sport. Keep up with the assignments, ask questions in class, follow along with the teacher in class, and work in class when given time to work. Homework assignments should be completed with a complete solution shown for each problem. Each homework assignment will be worth 10 points, where 5 random questions are selected for correctness, each worth 2 point, 1 point if it is wrong, but attempted, and 0 points for not trying the problem. I will collect homework scores every day. All late homework assignments are due prior to the next chapter's test date, but it is encouraged to get them completed and graded as soon as possible.

### TESTS

Tests will be given at the end of each unit. Any student has the opportunity to take a test retake. The better of the grades between the retake and the original will be kept. Retakes will only impact the high school grade. The policies at CWI do not allow for retakes. It is highly encouraged that students come in to get help prior to retaking a test, but it is not required. Each student is allowed ONE retake per chapter. Students will have until the next chapter's test to take their retake tests.

### EXAM

There will be an exam at the end of the semester that covers all material that was covered over the course of each semester.

### GRIZ

Griz Period is a chance for students to make up missing work, check re-done work, get needed help, take re-tests, and better their comprehension.

Anyone is welcome to get help from me during Griz.

### EXTENDED ABSENCES

Extended absences are a huge detriment in mathematics since everyday builds on the one before. Missing one or two days is tough for many students. If you are leaving on a prearranged trip it is your responsibility to get the missing work and have

it completed before you leave or upon your return. Once you return to class, you are expected to be working on the same material as your classmates. **No missing work will be accepted after the next chapter's test.**

### EXTRA HELP

For extra help outside of class time, come into the classroom before or after school (except on Wednesday mornings due to teacher collaboration time).

### MOVEMENT TO THE NEXT CLASS

From Pre-Calculus, proficient students will proceed to Introduction to Calculus or AP Statistics.

I am excited to be working with you this year and share with you the wonders of math. I plan on helping you have a memorable and successful year of learning. You are welcome to email me for questions or comments, and I will respond usually within 24 hours.

For worksheets, class calendar, and other class materials, students need to go to the Rocky website to gain access to them. Link: <https://www.westada.org/Domain/5587>

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