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INTRO: Welcome back to school! I am very excited to be your Math teacher this year! On my side, I will do everything possible to make myself available to you for help. On your side, I expect you would take responsibility for your learning.

MATERIALS:

- Textbook resource: **Algebra 2** (Holt, Rinehart, and Winston). The majority of the hw problems will be from the book. *my.hrw.com* allows you to access your textbook online along with additional study resources (**Username**: samulak1 **Password**: algebra 2).
- Calculator (Graphing TI 84+ recommended. Sign out from book depot. ASAP!).
- Pencil & paper.
- Some way of organizing the following:
 - Worksheets (Classnotes/HW)
 - Homework
 - Quizzes



Recommended: 3-ring binder that includes 3 sections and one folder (which can be included as a side-pocket) for daily assignments that need to be checked.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Be in your seat on time ready to begin
- Come prepared
- Follow directions
- Participate in class
- Respect others



****MOST IMPORTANTLY****

When you don't understand, **ASK QUESTIONS!!**

GRADING: Your grade each quarter will be calculated by weighing your homework (10%) and assessments = quizzes and tests (90%). Your semester grade is weighed by two quarter grades (40% each) and the semester final (20%). Here is the scale that I will use for your final grade:

A = 100 – 93

A- = 92 – 90

B+ = 89 – 87

B = 86 – 83

B- = 82 – 80

C+ = 79 – 77

C = 76 – 73

C- = 72 – 70

Z = 69 – 60

(incomplete)

E = 59 – 0

- Semester grade = two nine-week grades (40% each) and the semester final (20%).
- Homework must be done in **pencil** with your **name, page number and the problems assigned**. It will be worth 10 points each week. In order to receive full

credit, **you must write the problem number, the problem** (unless there is room on the worksheet) and then **show the work** that supports your answer.

- Your current grade will be available online: <http://pschool.aaps.k12.mi.us/public/> (details to follow).

ATTENDANCE: Absence from school is the single greatest cause of poor achievement. If absence is unavoidable, you are expected to take the initiative in asking for the assignments missed and turning them in to me for credit. In general, Huron's school policy on attendance will be followed. More specifically...

- For **each day** you are absent, you are given **two days** to complete the missing quiz or test. Please talk to me to schedule make-ups.
- Missing quizzes or tests due to *unexcused* absences will not be accepted.

REWARDS/CONSEQUENCES:

- Rewards:
 - extra credit will be available throughout the quarter (sometimes it will be announced how to receive it, other times it will not). In order to receive it, participate in class whenever possible and complete all homework assignments—even if they are not “seemingly” collected.
 - Retakes will be available in accordance to the Math department policy (details to follow).
- Consequences: conference with student, after-school/lunch detention, parents/counselor contacted, referral to administration.
- Classroom Etiquette:
 - No food or drink (except water) in the classroom.
 - Please end all phone conversations before you enter class. Students using cell phones during class time will have it confiscated and given to their class administrator.
 - MP3 players can **ONLY** be used **AFTER** quizzes/tests and must be your own. I will confiscate them if they are out at any other time.
 - Notes also will be confiscated & read, with an appropriate action taken.
- In general, bathroom/hall passes are issued only in case of emergencies.

APPOINTMENTS:

- Please do not hesitate to contact me (before/after class, email) if you have any questions or would like to receive additional help with a particular topic. All appointments will be held in the Math Office (room 6152).
- I will be available during early lunch or after 6th hour upon appointment. If these two times do not work out in your schedule, see me and together we can work something out.

