

## Mr. Waddell's Class Expectations Advanced Algebra Applications 5 – 6: 2010 - 2011

North Valleys Mission Statement: The North Valleys High School Professional Learning Community will develop productive, competitive, and compassionate citizens who value learning and achieve excellence.

Course and teacher information: Welcome to Advanced Algebra Applications 5-6, room 118. My email is gwaddell@washoe.k12.nv.us or gwaddellnvhs@gmail.com and my phone number is 971 – 6445. I will be available before school every day, during break, and after school most days for help and questions. I am here to help you succeed.

Student Planner: Students are required to bring his or her school issued planner to class with them every day. This is the place to write all assignments, and upcoming tests / quizzes / and due dates. I will ask to see your planner, and will check to see if the appropriate information has been recorded. Be Ready! In addition, your planner, and only your planner, is your hall pass. No planner, no hall pass.

Class Materials: You will need a **three ring binder**, notebook paper, dividers, and pencils. I **will not accept any homework, quizzes, or tests done in ink**. There will be no exceptions. You will want to have colored pencils for different projects done throughout the year.

Assignments: To be successful in this class, you must do your assignments every day! Each assignment must include your name, date, and assignment at the top of the page. You must copy each problem and show your work to receive credit. **This course is very much a PROJECT based course. You are responsible for the projects and their completion. Most of the points in the semester will come from PROJECTS!**

Late Work & Absences: If you miss class, it is your responsibility to get the assignment and notes. The Washoe County School District policy concerning absences will apply. Please, see your student handbook or ask me if you have questions.

Tests / Quizzes: Tests and quizzes will be given throughout the chapter. Quizzes will cover current material and will serve as both a skills check and preparation for the upcoming test.

There will be a final exam at the end of each semester. Before each test there will be a review. The review will help you succeed on the test, and it is strongly encouraged that you give it your full attention.

Every student, on every test\*, will have the opportunity to make up points on every test by coming in during P.A.S.S., before, or after school to correct the questions missed. You can earn up to 50% of the missed points back by correcting your missed questions. (\*with the exception of the Final Exam for each semester.)

Extra Credit: *I do not give extra credit to students to earn points back or to make up for missed work*, however, there may be extra credit opportunities given to the class to earn through activities or extra work. Details will be given as the opportunity arises.

Calculators: Graphing calculators are mandatory for this class. I have a classroom set of the TI-Nspire calculators, but they may not be taken out of the classroom. You may want to have a calculator of your own, and if you purchase a calculator I strongly recommend the TI-Nspire.

Your semester final academic grade will be composed of the following:

The Grading Scale will be as follows:

Quizzes & exams	(varies per topic)	A	100% – 90%
Final exam	(up to 400 pts)	B	89% – 80%
Assignments	(10 pts each)	C	79% – 70%
<b>Projects &amp; Warmups</b>	(varies)	D	69% – 60%
		F	Below 59

Math Lab Fees: The Math Department has a \$5.00 math lab fee. This fee is for consumable items used during the year. This fee must be paid.

Class Rules:

1. **Your behavior should contribute to the learning of all students in the class.** Examples of negative behaviors include but are not limited to:
  - a. talking when the teacher is talking
  - b. showing disrespect to the teacher or other students
  - c. being unprepared to learn
  - d. being late to class
  - e. and there are others
  
2. **All School rules will be followed.** This means no gum, no liquids other than water (and clear water, not colored water), no food, and NO electronics.
  
3. **Honesty is expected.** Cheating, in any form, is **not** acceptable. Cheating is a serious offense, a violation of classroom and personal integrity. I will confront any student suspected of cheating or caught cheating. If cheating continues, I will notify a parent or guardian and a discipline referral will be made. In addition, the assignment, test, or activity will receive a failing grade on the first offense.

Progressive Discipline Plan:

- Initial warning
- Lunch detention
- Phone call and/or conference with parents
- Referral to administrator

These consequences are not necessarily in order. The severity of the behavior or action will determine necessary discipline.

**Online Behavior:** This course will require you to get a free Google Docs account. This account will be used for all of the spreadsheets in the first quarter and other projects later in the year.

I encourage you also to create a free Gmail account using the following format: If your name is John Smith, your email will be jsmithnv@gmail.com. We will do this in class.

Having a professional email address is essential for job applications, college applications, and formal communications.

**Your use of the internet is a privilege and can be revoked by me, your parents, or school administration for violating the District's Internet Rules (attached). This will have a significant negative impact on your grade!**

Please sign the form below acknowledging that you and your parents agree to the use of the internet for classroom purposes.

I have read Mr. Waddell's expectations and policies and I understand them.

**I also understand that the internet will be used in class, a Google Docs and a Gmail address will be created and permission is given.**

Returning this form is the first assignment.

Advanced Algebra 5-6      Period:

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(print name of student)

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(print name of parent or guardian)

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(student signature)

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(parent or guardian signature)

Email address for contact with parents or guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number for contact with parents or guardians: \_\_\_\_\_