

Saxon Algebra $\frac{1}{2}$ Syllabus

Fall 2024 - Spring 2025

Welcome to Algebra $\frac{1}{2}$ at PATH!

This is a 15 week, 2 semester class (30 weeks total). Class will be held from 9-9:55am.

Saxon Algebra $\frac{1}{2}$ focuses on introductory algebra topics. It is designed to facilitate the transition from the concrete concepts of arithmetic to the abstract concepts of algebra.

Lessons will be taught during class time. Problem sets and tests will be completed at home. Students should plan on spending an average of 4 hours each week on all assignments. Homework will be a completion grade, and should be graded and corrected when turned in. Odd numbered problems are due for odd numbered lessons, and even problems for even lessons.

Google Classroom will be utilized and students are expected to log in a few times a week to check for updates, print and turn in assignments when necessary and to check grades.

Students are expected to ask questions and advocate for themselves when they need further assistance or instruction with the assigned work, both in class and at home.

I am happy and available to help outside of class time with further instruction or alternative methods of learning if needed. Please email me to schedule outside help. If a student is contacting me directly, please don't forget to include a parent in the communication.

This is going to be such a great year! I am praying for your student and I look forward to getting to know you both.

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PATH has a new late work policy as of last year, and it is as follows:

"PATH's expectation is that late work is not accepted. If a student believes there is an extenuating circumstance, the student should contact the teacher, and the teacher may grant an extension of up to one week at the teacher's discretion. Homework is expected to be turned in online by the teacher's specifications or in person at the beginning of class. If a student is absent, the student is expected to submit any homework through Google Classroom or by email on the due date and no later than the class start time."

How the PATH late work policy applies to Algebra $\frac{1}{2}$

- Late work is not accepted for any assignments due.
- If you have an extenuating circumstance, discuss with me before class begins.
- If you are absent and homework is due, homework should be scanned and uploaded to Google Classroom by 9:00 am. Do not email it to me.

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Grades will be posted on Google Classroom, and are weighted as follows:

Homework = 45%

- All lesson problems should be turned in at the beginning of class on the date they are due.
- Homework is a completion grade. If all problems are not completed, points will be deducted for those missing problems.
- All work should be shown. **No work = no credit.**
- Circle/box the final answer. Remember to label units, if applicable.
- On the first page of each lesson's problems, the student's name and lesson number should be written at the top of the paper.
- Homework should be graded and corrected. DO NOT ERASE ORIGINAL WORK AND ANSWERS!
- Put an 'X' next to incorrect problems and put the total number of problems missed at the top of the first page of each lesson.
- Rework the incorrect problems on a separate page titled 'corrections for lesson __'.
- Homework will be deducted *5 points per lesson* for missing corrections.

Tests = 45%

- Tests can be found in the test booklet.
- Answers should be written directly on the test, with additional paper stapled as needed to show all work. **No work = no credit.** Circle/box the final answer. Remember to label units.
- Tests should be taken without any notes or textbooks, and without any help from others.
- Tests should be brought to class and turned in on the day they are due.
- Tests will be graded by Mrs. Gosnell and returned the following week.
- Corrections may be completed for half credit, earning a score of up to a 70. If interested in completing corrections, Mrs. Gosnell will email the student their test and those corrections are due back the next class. Test corrections should be done on a fresh sheet of paper, titled 'Corrections'. Do NOT erase original work and answers.
- 'Correcting missed problems is highly encouraged and holds far more value for the process of learning than for the increase in grade.'

Participation = 10%

- Participation will be graded based on class involvement. Class involvement includes getting to class on time with all supplies needed, turning in all assignments that are due, speaking up when general questions are asked to the class, paying attention during teaching and not interrupting class time teachings. Each semester, one overall participation grade will be issued.