

Secondary III

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Course Description:

Welcome to Secondary III! This course covers many exciting topics including: polynomial and rational functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, trigonometry and analytic geometry.

Materials (to bring to class daily):

Text: *Integrated Mathematics 3*

Pencil and paper

3-ring binder

Graphing calculator

Your inquisitive and open mind

Optional but encouraged: Internet accessible device

Each student is required to have a graphing calculator for this class. I recommend a ti-84, however a ti-83 or above would be sufficient. The school has calculators that may be rented for the year. The cost is \$20 and must be paid at the financial office. This is on a first come first served basis.

Grades:

Grades are **earned** by **students**; not given by teachers. Grades are based on a student's performance and effort. If you work hard and show me how much you learn, you will earn a good grade. If you are having problems, come and talk to me.

Grading Scale:

%	Grade	%	Grade	%	Grade	%	Grade
93-100	A	83-86	B	73-76	C	63-66	D
90-92	A-	82-80	B-	70-72	C-	60-62	D-
87-89	B+	77-79	C+	67-69	D+	Below 60	F

Grade Breakdown:

Homework/Participation: 25%

Quizzes: 20%

Tests: 55%

Homework- Homework will be assigned daily and will be due at the beginning of the following class period. If you are absent, the assignment that was due when you were absent is due the day you get back. The assignment that was assigned when you were gone is due by the unit test. Any other late work can be turned in for 50% credit and is due by the test. No other late work will be accepted. Homework will be graded on completion and correctness and **all** work must be shown to receive credit. Each student will receive three late passes at the beginning of each term to hand in late assignments. If not used by the end of the term they may be turned in for extra credit, this is the only guarantee of extra credit!

Participation- Each student starts with 50 participation points at the beginning of each term. However, you lose these points by misbehaving or missing class time (such as pervasive tardiness or unexcused absences). If you have a failing participation grade, you will fail the class no matter your current percentage!

Quizzes- There will be a quiz every day at the beginning of class. Each quiz will have 2-3 questions. The questions will be based on the homework from the day before. Thus, completing the homework will help you do well on these quizzes. Quizzes cannot be made up, but the three lowest quiz scores will be dropped at the end of the term.

Tests- After each unit there will be a test so that you can show much just how much you know! There will be approximately 3 tests per term. These should be viewed as “Celebrations of Knowledge,” you get to show off your skills to me! There are no re-takes offered on the tests, you can, however, do test analysis. If you are truant (unexcused absence) or caught cheating you automatically get a “0” for that test. If you are absent for the review day, you must still be prepared to take the test upon your return. If you are absent on a test day you should be prepared to take the test the day you return. Parents should not excuse students’ absence because they are not prepared to take the test.

Extra Credit- There will be limited opportunities of extra credit. Extra credit will only be allowed to those students who have NO missing work. Extra credit can supplement a grade, but it will never replace consistent effort.

Electronic Devices- Absolutely NO off task electronic devices/behavior will be allowed- they will be confiscated and returned at my discretion.

Cheating- This behavior will not be tolerated in my class. If you are caught cheating or plagiarizing, you will automatically receive a “0” on that assignment/test/quiz. If you allow someone else to cheat (allowing others to copy your work etc.) you will also receive a “0”. No exceptions! If you have any questions feel free to come and talk to me.

ATTENDANCE POLICY, DRESS CODE, & DISCRIMINATION- I follow all of the school policies as found in the student handbook. In addition, American Fork High School complies with the requirement of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Therefore, no student shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, or disability. If you feel your rights have been violated, please contact Principal Finch at 610-8800 ext 303. If you have a special need, please let me know and we can work out a plan to assist you.