



Welcome to Algebra 1

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Greetings Students and Parents!

My name is Mrs. Dione Thompson and I have the joy of teaching Algebra 1 at Tarkanian Middle School. I moved to Las Vegas December 2017 from my hometown of Pittsburgh, PA. I have worked at public and charter high schools and a women's prison for over twelve years in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida and now Nevada! In addition to teaching, I was an Upward Bound Director (University of Pittsburgh) and have worked extensively with women in transition.

I have a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics Education from Morgan State University (Baltimore, MD), a Master's in Education from Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, PA) and a Master's of Divinity from Emory University (Atlanta, GA). My husband and I have two young adult sons. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, coloring, reading and laughing! I look forward to working with you and your students and having a successful 2019-2020 school year!

Tips for Success

You will be successful if you:

- Come to class! This is an easy one. But remember, even if you only miss ONE day, you are probably missing ONE big concept that we will build on in future lessons. Don't get behind.
- Pay attention in class (i.e. take notes, ask questions, stay ENGAGED).
- Do the practice problems! Even if you think during class "Wow, this is so easy. I'm going to ace that test." doing practice problems on your own is the only way to know if that is true.
- Communicate with me. My job is NOT just to teach you. It is to make sure YOU LEARN! Let me know if you are having trouble learning, and we will figure out how to change that.

Materials

The following materials are required and must be brought to class every day:

- Binder
- Planner (digital or hardcopy)
- Tarkanian Math Notebook
- Pencils and erasers
- Highlighter, colored pen & Expo Marker
- Positive or neutral attitude (leave your negativity at the door, please!)

Grading Policy

Quarter Grades

- 50% Tests
- 30% Quizzes
- 20% Assignments

Standard CCSD Grading Scale: A=90 or above, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, F=59 or lower

Semester Grades will be based on the quarter grades (two at 40% each) and a semester exam (20%).

Grades will be updated often. Parents and students should check progress through **Infinite Campus**. Please contact TMS if you have issues with this service.

Citizenship

Citizenship grades will be determined by each student's ability to make good choices. Three or more missing/late assignments per quarter will also lower student's citizenship grade.

Assessments

Tests & Quizzes

- There will be approximately three tests per quarter.
- **Students may only retake one test per quarter.** Tests may be retaken AFTERSCHOOL only. In order to qualify for a retest, students must submit test corrections with the original test.
- Quizzes will be given throughout the quarter. No retakes are available for quizzes.

Classwork

Assignments

- If assignments are NOT completed in class then they become homework due the next day.
- *Work must be shown for all problems. Circle, box or highlight the final answer.*
- Student name, period, date and assignment title (if applicable) should be on each assignment.
- Assignment should be stapled if more than one page.
- Late assignments will receive partial credit (with exception for absences). Any late work turned in after the unit has been completed will not receive credit.

Notes

- Expect notes to be given daily. They will include important information pertaining to the lesson and practice problems.
- If you are absent, it is your responsibility, to get any and all notes that you missed from another student that was here or digitally.

Digital Resources

We will use Google Classroom, Khan Academy and Edulastic during the school year. Please join our Google Classroom ASAP. Links to other sources will be posted via Google Classroom.

Tutoring

I am available for tutoring during mentorship and after school by APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Student Expectations

- Attend class daily. It is a prerequisite for success.
- Practice and perform on a regular basis. It improves performance and understanding.
- Use digital resources to explore and deepen understanding of mathematical concepts.
- Be RESPECTFUL to yourself, others, and school property.
- Be MINDFUL and allow yourself to learn. Mistakes are learning opportunities. We all make them. Perfection is not mandatory or desired
- No food or gum. Water is permitted.
- No cell phone or other electronic device usage during class (unless directed by teacher).
- Be in seat with all necessary materials BEFORE the tardy bell rings.
- Make SMART CHOICES – everyone has a situation. Be considerate at all times.
- Adhere to the Tarkanian Middle School Code of Conduct at all times.

Course content, objectives, materials, rules, and procedures are subject to change based on available resources, student data, and county/state requirements.

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**We have read and understood the course syllabus for
Mrs. Thompson's Algebra 1 Course**

Class Period: _____

Print Student Name:	Student Signature:
Printed Parent Name:	Parent Signature:
Parent Phone:	Parent Email Address:

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