

Algebra II



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Course Description: Welcome to Algebra 2 at Lincoln High! Algebra 2 is the third year in a three-year college prep math sequence. Topics include complex numbers, polynomial functions, probability, exponential functions, and much more. Perhaps most importantly, Algebra 2 endows students with the expertise to apply the complex concepts of mathematics to the real world.

Expectations:

All students are expected to be...

- **Respectful of ALL.**
 - There is a no tolerance policy for foul language, derogatory statements, and confrontational behavior.
- **Prompt and prepared.**
 - Graphing notebook, 2 sharpened pencils, a pen, and a scientific or graphing calculator.
- **Responsible for their own actions.**
 - “No talking” means NO talking.
 - Maintain the cleanliness of the classroom; food is not allowed in the room.
 - Take ownership of your own learning. Never hesitate to ask questions or to come in for help.
- **Continuously Improving.**
 - Never become complacent. Continuously striving to learn more, try harder, and perform better than the day before.

Grading: Grades will be composed of three general categories:

1. **Assessments**— Tests, quizzes, exit slips, and presentations — **60%**
2. **Practice**— Homework, in-class work, and notebook checks — **30%**
3. **Final Exam** — **10%**

100-91%	A	88-81%	B	78-71%	C	68-61%	D
90%	A-	80%	B-	70%	C-	60%	D-
89%	B+	79%	C+	69%	D+	≤59%	F

Homework:

- Homework will be assigned nearly every day. Assignments are to be completed by the beginning of class, on the day that they are due.
- Fifty percent of each homework grade will be based on having completed it on time; 50% will be determined from the correctness of the assignment (random problems will be checked during each notebook check).

Notebook:

- Students are required to keep a large spiral notebook for this Algebra II class, and this class only. The notebook should include a folder and, if possible, include graph paper.
- Homework grades will be determined entirely from notebook checks, so it is imperative to have a notebook and to keep it organized and up to date.

Papers/Projects

- Papers and projects may be assigned from time to time. Projects may include full research projects, small activities, and in-class tasks that will explore and extend topics covered in class.

Tests and Quizzes

- Students should expect to take one major quiz (generally on Fridays) or one test per week. All tests and major quizzes will be announced well in advance.

Tardies and Absences

- Class periods run for only about 50 minutes, and as such, tardiness will NOT be tolerated. **Students must be in their seats and working on the warm-up when the bell rings, or they are considered late.**
- Homework and quizzes missed must be made up within 3 days upon return from any excused absence; exit-slips cannot be made-up. Absent students are still responsible for warm-ups from the missed day. Any school-related absences must be cleared with me at least 2 days before the absence.

Resources:

- Each student will have the privilege to use one copy of *Algebra II* published by McDougall Littell. Books must be covered at all times and must be returned at the end of the year, in the same condition in which they had been checked out. Lost or damaged books will be charged to the students (at a cost of \$80).
- Students also need their own scientific or graphing calculators to use in class and at home. Excellent scientific calculators can be purchased for about \$15 at any Target, Staples, etc. If the cost is a concern, please don't hesitate to talk to me about the available options.

Things that are NOT Allowed in class:

The general policy in regards to all of the following objects is **"If I see it, it's mine."**

- Cell Phones
- Makeup
- iPods (and other music devices)
- Gaming Devices
- Candy
- Food and Drinks*

*Water is allowed and calculators may be used for math purposes (if caught using game applications, it will be treated as if it were a gaming device).

First Offence: Item confiscated; can be retrieved at the end of the day

Second Offence: Item confiscated; can be retrieved from Student Services after 24 hours.

Third Offence: Item confiscated; a parent may come pick it up after one week.

Consequences: I rarely expect this to come up, but it must be mentioned. For disturbances and disrespectful behavior, the consequences are as follows:

1. **Warning:** Verbal warning to the student.
2. **Talk:** Conference with me after class.
3. **Call:** Ten minutes of lunch break, call home.
4. **Leave:** Removed from class. Referral and conference with an administrator and me.