

Guidelines for a successful learning experience:

Attend each class prepared to participate. This means you should:

- Print and complete the previous night's homework assignment BEFORE class.
- Work cooperatively with others on in-class group assignments.
- Take detailed notes on material presented in class.
- Come to class with materials: homework, notebook, pen/pencil, and calculator.

Do not fall behind in class. This means you should:

- Ask questions during class to help make clear any areas you find ask questions to help clarify any areas you find challenging or confusing.
- See me when you begin to find yourself struggling with new material. My extra-help hours are posted on my website for the current/upcoming week.
- Be sure to arrive for extra-help with the materials necessary to make the meeting productive. Have your notebook, recent homework assignments, assessments and a list of questions regarding the material with which you are having difficulty.
- Ask a classmate for assistance.
- Utilize the math lab located in Room 427. The math lab schedule is posted on my website.

Prepare in advance for all assessments. This means you should:

- Do your homework on a consistent and thorough basis.
- Use class time wisely by actively engaging in class activities/assignments, note taking in class discussions.
- Assemble a small study group.
- Come in for help or to check your understanding of the material to be assessed.

Homework:

Homework will be assigned a maximum of five times per WHS cycle (for each day our class meets). You should expect each assignment to take about 20 – 30 minutes. Homework assignments will be posted on the class website.

Homework serves as an important tool in student preparation for success on term and cumulative assessments. It is assigned to give students independent practice opportunities. Students are expected to complete the assigned problems. Assignments will be checked each day and assessed according to the homework rubric.

Students will discuss the homework assignment with a partner, in a small group or as a whole class during the next class meeting. This conversation is meant to encourage student sharing of their problem-solving processes and solutions.

ALL HOMEWORK IS POSTED ON MY CANVAS SITE.

Grading Policy:

The grade a student receives at the end of a term reflects the student's level of understanding of the mathematical concepts covered during the current as well as previous term(s). Students are given an opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of material through daily in-class warm ups, homework, three term assessments and an end-of-term cumulative assessment.

An end-of-term cumulative assessment will be given each term. The purpose of the cumulative assessment is to allow students an opportunity to demonstrate they have mastered and retained previously assessed mathematical concepts.

The end of term grade will be calculated as follows:

Warm Up Packet	<i>(See Warm Up Rubric)</i>	5%
Daily Homework	<i>(See Homework Rubric)</i>	5%
Term Assessments	<i>(3 per term)</i>	45%
End-of-Term Cumulative Assessment		30%
The higher of the Term Assessment average or the score on the End-of-Term Cumulative Assessment		15%

Grading policies are subject to change and will be discussed as a class before any changes occur.

Attendance:

It is expected you will be in class, ON TIME, each time our class meets. Please see the Student Handbook for a complete description of the tardiness and class cut policies.

If absent, please access the SmartBoard slides for the class you missed. ALL WARM UPS, CLASSWORK, AND HOMEWORK IS ON MY CANVAS SITE. YOU SHOULD LOOK ON THIS SITE TO GET WHAT YOU MISSED. You should use the SmartBoard slides to update your notebook with the warm-ups for the day as well as any class notes and practice problems. It is your responsibility to make up any missed assignments. Please see the Student Handbook for School policies and procedures regarding student absences.

If you are absent the day an assessment is given, then you are expected to see me immediately upon your return to school to schedule a time to make-up the assessment (even if your class does not meet the day you return). You may also set up a make up time through email.

Academic Integrity:

Please read the Student Handbook regarding the School’s policy on academic integrity.

Any incident of cheating will result in a grade of zero and a phone call home. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, copying assignments, lending assignments to be copied by others, programming graphing calculators with information you are supposed to know without assistance, use of “cheat sheets” during assessments, etc. Repeated incidents of cheating could result in a zero for the course. Don’t jeopardize your integrity. Cheating, in any form, is NEVER worth it.

I look forward to a challenging, successful and enjoyable school year! ~Mr. Fisher

I have read the 2018 – 2019 Course Expectations and Grading Policy for Algebra II & Personal Finance I.

Student Name (Printed)

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Cell Phones: Technology provides us with some extremely powerful resources, but it can also lead to great distractions. The *Student Handbook* states “the use of handheld electronic devices is prohibited during class time without express teacher approval.”



To implement this policy, students will be asked to “park” their cell phones. At the beginning of class, it is an expectation that you will turn your phone off (or turn it on silent mode). You may choose to place the device in your backpack or in an assigned numerical “parking lot” space provided by your teacher. You are not permitted to have the phone on your person during class. The cell phone parking lot is located in a secure and visible location in the classroom. Cell phone retrieval will occur at the end of class. Using the parking lot is mandatory on assessment days.

If your device is not placed in the parking lot and is visible during class time (this includes bathroom and water breaks), then the phone will be confiscated and consequences will follow those stated in the *Student Handbook*.

I understand this policy. I will follow this policy.

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____