

Assignment Expectations

Assignment Types

- Homework
 - Chapter Assessments from the books
 - Algebra I – Reasoning Strategy Sections (every chapter)
 - Sections Exercises as Needed
 - Worksheets as Needed
 - Note Cards for Theorems & Definitions
 - Notebook Checks
 - Chapter Test Corrections

Please note that homework can and will be assigned and due on Mondays (typically will be a long term assignment anyway, so there is really no issue). As an advanced class this course is exempt from the no homework over the weekend policy. Please be assured that I will not abuse this privilege, but it will be used.

- Tests/Quizzes
 - Chapter Tests (every chapter, every book)
 - Quizzes (as needed in Algebra I, Daily Geometry & Algebra II/Trig)

When we get to Geometry and Algebra II/Trig the students will definitely have quizzes either every day or every other day on the topics that should have been covered in homework the night before. I may have quizzes this year for Algebra I, as well; I will gauge the necessity after the first exam. The quizzes are an additional preparation for the chapter test. We will have a test for each chapter in every book. Tests usually occur about once per week, but they do not come on any specific day.

- Finals
 - Algebra I
 - Geometry

Daily Expectations

We will have “lectures” on approximately 3 sections per day, after which it is the responsibility of your student to do the problems from the chapter test that relate to these sections. If a student has questions, he/she should find a problem in the section exercises that is like the chapter test question and try to solve that problem (choose one with an answer), if the student is unsuccessful in answering that question he/she should ask to have that problem solved in class. I will not solve problems from the chapter test/assessment in class until after the assignment is due, at which time I will solve the problems for the students (dependent only upon time constraints). Students are expected to take notes for lectures and problem solving sessions. Notes will be checked in notebook checks during tests. If I have a lot of questions concerning topics I will assign extra problems from the sections of concern that will be due either the next day or day after, so that I make sure that we thoroughly cover each topic.

Absences

It is EXTREMELY important that students only miss class when they are ill. Don't schedule doctors or dentist appointments during first period, please! Extended vacations that will take your student away from my class for more than 2 days are very difficult on students (even 2 days are difficult). If you do have a trip planned please contact me EARLY and then stay in contact with me as the time is near so that we can make a plan that will allow your student to stay current. Use my statsprofbutterworth@gmail.com account for this contact, **please** don't send a bulk email to all your 8th grade teachers. See the grading policy for expectations on late work due to absences.