Mr. Ferguson’s Algebra 2013-2014

The Class:

The curriculum for this class is based on the 9th grade Algebra Common Core State Standards (CCSS), along with extensions into geometry and Data analysis from 7th and 8th Grade.

**This will be an extremely rigorous class which will cover a lot of material at rather fast pace and I have very high expectations for student achievement**.

The Text:

We will continue using the Course 3 textbook from Glencoe Math for the geometry and data sections of the class.

For the Main content of the class will be Algebra, we once again will not have text books. Students’ notes will crucial for their work at home. Assignments will generally be worksheets which will be accessible in my classroom if students need extra copies.

Grading Policy:

60% Tests, quizzes and other formal assessments

20% Accuracy of work (this may be homework or classwork)

20% Completion of work

Tests:

**Chapter test-** This is your “typical” test and involves short answer questions. The test that are based on Algebra curriculum will be from the 9th grade algebra resources at PHS. Tests on material from the Course 3 book will use that resource. Tests may be retaken at teacher’s discretion.

Quizzes:

Quizzes are short tests that cover a small section of curriculum. Quizzes may not be retaken.

Final Exam:

Students have already taken the Semester 1 algebra final.

At the end of the 2nd Semester they will take the Semester 2 final. This will count for 20% of their grade for the semester.

Completion of work:

There will be homework on a nightly basis, and it is posted on my website. The majority of the assignments will be worksheets. All homework requires clear work for all questions. If there is no work to accompany the answers it will not be accepted. If an assignment is completed on time it will be stamped “CGF Completed HW” and will receive 100% credit, regardless of how many questions are correctAny assignment less that ¾ complete will not receive completion credit. If an assignment is late due to absence it is the student’s responsibility to complete it, and have Mr. Ferguson stamp it for completion credit prior to turning it in to the late basket. Late work does not receive completion credit.

Accuracy of work:

Most assignments will also be graded for accuracy. Students may redo any assignment and turn them in for full accuracy credit at any time before the chapter test. If an assignment is late, it will still receive full accuracy credit if it is turned in.

Extra Credit:

I occasionally will provide extra credit questions or worksheets. These will count as bonus points in the accuracy of work section. Please do not ask for additional extra credit.

Contact Mr. Ferguson:

Email: Chris.Ferguson@prescottschools.com

There is also a contact page on my website.

Text me @ 928-925-1813. This is the best way to get help on HW if you are stuck.

Please be sure to include your name in the text so I know who I am talking to. I will not answer phone calls, but if you have a major concern you may leave a message and I will get back to you.

Thank you and I look forward to a great year,

Chris Ferguson