

August 26, 2019



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the beginning of another school year! The purpose of this letter is to pass on some information to you regarding your child's Algebra I class, as well as open the lines of communication.

Every student has received a packet explaining my classroom policies and expectations, including an outline of course content. This information is also posted in the Community Portal, Schoology and on my teacher website. Please take time to review all of the information and contact me if you have any questions.

For this course, please supply your student with a 3-ring binder (1.5 inch). Highlighters, colorful pencils or pens are also helpful for notes. Students are **required** to use a Texas Instruments TI-30X IIS **scientific** calculator. A Texas Instruments **graphing** calculator (any version of the TI-83 and TI-84) is the **recommended** calculator. The graphing calculator has significantly more functions and is required for many higher level math courses. If your child does not own a calculator, please consider purchasing or borrowing a calculator from a relative or friend. Please contact me if you are unable to provide your child with a calculator.

Parents, as well as students, are encouraged to check the Community Portal and Schoology frequently. Grades, homework, upcoming quiz and test dates, and additional resources will be posted there.

Should your child need additional help in Algebra I, please know that I am available most days during Flex and after school from 2:45 – 3:25 for tutoring. Please have your child make arrangements with me in advance.

Algebra I is designed to prepare students for the Algebra I Keystone Exam and is a necessary stepping stone for students to continue their study of mathematics throughout high school. The Algebra I Keystone Exam is an end-of-course assessment and proficiency on this exam is an EASD graduation requirement. The Keystone Exam testing window is between January 6th – 16th. For most freshmen, Algebra I at EAHS is a year-long course that serves as two mathematical credits. Your child was selected and enrolled in a semester-long, one credit Algebra I course. This placement was determined by multiple data points which indicated your child would be successful with this format.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the semester, please contact me at stephanie_shubert@etownschools.org or leave a message on my voice mail at 367-1533. Please fill out the attached form so that I may contact you if necessary.

Mark your calendars – Upcoming Important Dates

- *Parent Night will be held on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30.*
- *Parent-teacher conferences will be held on October 10th and 11th.*

I look forward to meeting you and working with your child this semester.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stephanie Shubert

*****RETURN TO MRS. SHUBERT BY THURSDAY 8/29*****

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Please indicate your preference by marking the appropriate box and providing the information requested.

I prefer to be contacted at this email address _____

I prefer to be contacted at the number(s) listed below:

Home _____

Cell _____

Work _____

I understand my child is required to have a TI-30X IIS scientific calculator.

My child already owns a TI-30X IIS scientific calculator.

We plan to purchase or borrow a TI-30X IIS scientific calculator.

We are unable to provide a TI-30X IIS scientific calculator.

Questions?

Comments...

Concerns: