

KEYS TO SUCCESS IN PRECALCULUS

- 1) Do all the assignments yourself. Getting help from parents, another student, or me if fine, but NEVER copy someone else's work.
- 2) Always copy the problem before working on it. (Exception: Word Problems)
- 3) ALWAYS show your work. Turning in a list of answers is NOT acceptable.
** NO Work = No Credit ** (Exception: Mental Math Problems)
- 4) Write down everything I do.
- 5) Make sure you understand what I am talking about. If you don't understand, ask me to go over the material again or slow down.
- 6) Make sure you are able to do the assignment problems without looking at the "model" or "sample" problem. You may need a model for the first few problems, but try to get beyond the need for it. (This is a critical step for doing well on tests and quizzes)
- 7) Check the problems with answers in the back of the book AFTER you have completed the problem on your own. If you missed it, figure out why you missed it.
- 8) Before each test, try to work on some of each type of problem that is being covered. Also, study vocabulary; knowing mathematical terms is important.
- 9) Keep an organized binder and excellent notes – the more you have the better.
- 10) If you need help, please come see me. Falling behind in math class can be disastrous as what we learn each day will be used in the next sections. Help will be available by appointment or during MASH (Math After School Help).
- 11) Learn to pay very close attention to details. In mathematics you must learn to pay attention to every letter, every operation, every symbol, etc. Many students lose lots of points because of carelessness and inattention to detail.
- 12) Do your best, work hard, and have FUN with math!!
- 13) Do NOT put off your problems until they are due as you will get overwhelmed trying to catch up.
- 14) Ask questions and be an active participant in class...we need to work together to be successful –Math is not a spectator sport!

*~ Math should be alive and energetic.
Participating is the step towards mastery of concepts, skill, and processes
while constructing and understanding. ~*