

Welcome to Pre-calculus
Mrs. Murray Room 202
2018 - 2019

Tutorials: <i>see tutorial board</i>	
Tues	7:45 – 8:05
T/TH	B-Lunch
Wed	3:45 – 4:15
<i>or by appointment</i>	

Materials needed Everyday:

Pencil (NOT A PEN!)
Homework Assignment
Book (computer)
3 ring binder for notes

Grades are based on:

Minor.....40%
Major.....60%

Parent Contact:

My conference is from 2:58 to 3:45 pm. I will try to return all phone calls and emails within 2 days. Calls received after my conference may not be returned until the next day during my conference.

It is easiest to contact me by email at telise.murray@brownwoodisd.org. If I do not respond within 2 school days, please call and leave a voice mail at 325-646-9549 ext. 2202. The office will not interrupt my class to take your call. Sometimes emails (especially from hotmail, yahoo, gmail...) get put into the spam folder, and I do not realize it.

Classroom:

1. *The main rule for this class is to care.* Care about yourself. Care about your classmates. Care about learning and making the most of each new assignment and assessment. *From caring, comes respect and courtesy.* Whatever takes place in the classroom will be for the purpose of helping you or your classmates progress further down the road to understanding and mastering the subject. Be an asset to yourself and others, not a liability. Private, irrelevant conversations during instruction time and off task behavior does not help you or your grade and is very distracting to the rest of us, so avoid them at all costs.

2. *Part of caring is surrendering completely to instruction and being actively engaged in the learning process.* To help facilitate this, **cell phones will not be allowed during class.** Once the tardy bell rings, any cell phone that is out will be confiscated. These confiscated phones may be picked up in the classroom at the end of the day after a teacher-student conference. Repeat offenders will be referred to the office.

3. *Come to class prepared to learn, because when the bell rings, it's "Game On!"*

4. *Bring your winning attitude.* Be prepared to tackle the warm-up on the screen when you enter the classroom. Once the bell rings, I expect private conversations to cease and noses put to the grindstone. Occasionally, the warm-up will be a timed quiz. Time starts when the bell rings, so again, don't be tardy.

Attendance/Tardies:

- If you are absent, **YOU** are responsible for collecting all missing notes and assignments. You will be given 3 days to complete assignments given during your absence. *IF YOU KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO BE OUT OF CLASS FOR APPOINTMENTS OR EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW NORMAL DEADLINES.*
- Absent: When you come back attach and fill out an **orange absent form** ASAP and **attach it to the homework for that day.** Do not expect me to remind you of work/tests you have missed.
- **If you are absent the day before a test,** you will be expected to take the test unless the new material is the majority of the test. This is determined by Mrs. Murray **NO ARGUMENTS!**
- **Tardiness:** 3 tardies are automatically an office referral, so get to class on time. If you are late because you are in another teacher's class or the office, you must bring a note from them or they must call me

Guidelines for turning in assignments:

- Unless otherwise stated, all answers should be rounded to 3 decimal places.
- Box your answers
- No Work = No Credit
- If students do not have a homework assignment, they are required to fill out a yellow card and turn it in.

Make-ups:

EIA local states the following: students shall be allowed a reasonable opportunity to correct or redo a class assignment or examination for which the student received a failing grade. Students will have 3 days to correct or redo work to maximum of 70.

The following must be completed before a retake of a major test:

- All prerequisite work completed.
- Corrections must be turned in on separate sheet of paper with question rewritten and all work shown.
- The highest grade given on a retest is 70%.
- Retests are given during tutorial times.

"Homework" Passes (at the discretion of the teacher):

"Homework" passes must be turned in for the assignment the day it is due; students will receive a 100 for that assignment.

"Homework" passes are earned by returning the attached information sheet. Students may earn passes by doing board work, presentations, tutorial board list. Students may only use 3 passes every six weeks grading period. (*Discretion of teacher*)

Bonus Opportunities:

- No absence = +1 on report card
- No tardy = +1 on report card
- Any other bonus opportunities will be announced in class.

To be successful in this class:

- You will need to spend a minimum of 30 minutes on math homework every day.
- Ask questions in class or tutorials.
- **Another way to be successful is to use your fellow student as a resource.** University research indicates that math students who worked regularly with a study group performed at a significantly higher level than those who did not. Study groups are an excellent way to get help and to reinforce what you know. You can waste a lot of time waiting for inspiration, when one suggestion from a study partner can get you going again. Try doing your homework worksheets with a good mix of people. **But be warned: Copying does not equal Collaboration. You may learn in groups, but you will take assessments on your own!**
- Take notes in class to aid with the assignment. If you need further assistance, the instructional videos online at www.khanacademy.org are helpful. These tools can be used for further explanation of the assignment or a good presentation of the material if the student was absent.

I have read and understand the expectations, INCLUDING THE CELL PHONE POLICY for Mrs. Murray's class.

STUDENT PRINTED NAME: _____ ID# _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAMES: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN DAYTIME PHONE# _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL _____

Please return the top portion and see the "parent assignment" below.

I am so excited to have your student in precalculus! I am a firm believer in the power of communication between home and school. During the school day the easiest way to communicate is via email.

ASSIGNMENT:

Please email me at telise.murray@brownwoodisd.org . Write your student's first and last name in the subject line. If there is anything you would like me to know about your student, feel free to include that in the message. You may also want to include phone numbers or best times to reach you. If not, you can just leave the message blank.

****If you do not have email, please call the school at 646-9549 and leave me a voicemail. Please leave your name, your student's name and the best number at which to reach you.*

Si usted no habla ingles, por favor llame a la Senora Salazar y deje un mensaje.

Thanks for helping your student earn his or her first Murray Pass for the year!

Telise Murray

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