Course Description:
In Honors Algebra 1, students will learn to use and develop the concepts fundamental to Algebra such as expressions, linear and quadratic equations, polynomial and rational functions and more. Critical thinking and applications of algebraic skills and concepts are emphasized, in preparation for Geometry and Algebra 2. Graphing calculators will be used extensively in the study and interpretation of these algebraic concepts. Participating in this honors course will require more comprehensive lessons, dedication to more work and a desire to learn.

Required Materials and Supplies:
- Three-ring binder
- Lined paper
- 5 dividers
- Textbook
- Pencils
- Red Pen

Grading System:
- **Each 6 wk grading period***:
  - 40% - Tests & Projects
  - 20% - Notebook (including homework)
  - 15% - Class participation
  - 5% - Quizzes
- **Each Semester:**
  - 80% - Overall Average going into the Final Exam**
  - 20% - Final Exam

Grading Scale:
- A: 90-100%
- B: 80-89%
- C: 70-79%
- D: 60-69%
- F: 59% and below

** Grades will be accumulated all semester and will not be restarted at the beginning of each grading period. At the end of the semester, this grade will count as 80% of your semester grade. The final exam each semester will count as 20% of your semester grade.

Class Expectations:
1. Class starts as soon as you walk through the door. Make sure you are in your seat before the bell rings. All classroom rules apply whether the bell has rung or not.
2. Food and drinks are allowed in the classroom; however, you are responsible for any messes made. *
3. La Cueva High School dress code will be enforced.
4. Cell phones will not be allowed in class. Phones are to be turned off and put in designated spot
5. Materials will be brought to class every day.
6. Appropriate language will be used. Harrassment, bullying or inappropriate language will not be allowed.
7. Hall passes will only be allowed via student agendas, and then at my discretion.
8. Students are expected to work on mathematics the entire class period.
9. Students must respect the teacher, other students and themselves- anything otherwise will not be tolerated.

*Students are to take responsibility for their desk area. If a mess is made, students are expected to clean it up. If a mess is not cleaned up before class ends, the entire class will lose the privilege of food in the class.
Attendance: (Absences & Tardies)
Absolutely no tardies will be allowed. If you are late to class you must have a valid pass; otherwise, you will need to go to the front office and receive a pass.

Homework Policy:
Daily assignments will be posted on the board. You are responsible for your own homework. You will grade your own homework each day and you will be responsible for correcting any wrong problems. Each day at the beginning of class I will walk around to see how much of the homework you have tried and the total correct problems. You may make up any missing assignments for ONE-HALF credit. These assignments must be in your notebook that will be collected on specified dates.

*******NOTE******* You must write down the problem and show all necessary steps and work involved in solving all homework problems, otherwise you will get NO CREDIT!!!!

Missed Work:
It is your responsibility to get any assignments missed to make up. You will have 2 days after an absence to show me the work to receive FULL credit; otherwise, you may only receive ONE-HALF credit.

GRADING YOUR HOMEWORK:
1. An overhead with all correct answers will be posted as soon as the bell rings.
2. You are to immediately begin grading your homework.
3. I will circulate and check to see that you have completed your homework while you are grading it.
4. If you miss a problem:
   a. Mark it wrong (with a colored pen different than what you did the hw in)
   b. Write the correct answer next to it (again with the colored pen)
5. If time allows, do the incorrect problems at the end of the respective homework assignment.

***NOTE*** Homework is graded not on questions right or wrong, but on full participation in the assignment. In order to receive credit, work for problems must be shown. If when grading answer is wrong, spend time correcting and reworking problem.

Binder:
The class binder will be collected during every test, which will occur at least once every grading period. The binder will be broken down into five divided sections. Students must keep up with all work, notes, quizzes, etc. and make sure items are in the binder. It is your responsibility to make up any notes missed because of an absence. You are responsible for a grade sheet in your binder in which you will always be able to calculate your grade at any time. Label your five tabs as follows:

- Notes
- Homework
- Activities and Projects
- Grade Tracking
- Tests & Quizzes

Projects and Activities:
There will be various projects and in class activities assigned throughout the year relating to the objectives being taught. One of the goals for this class will be to build critical thinking and problem solving skills to help you get ready for Geometry and upper level math courses.
**Tests and Quizzes:**
There will be at least 2 test grades per grading period. If you are absent you must see me to schedule a time to take the test. **NOTE:** You will be allowed to retake any test (or assignment) occurring in a six-week period. In order to retest, students must make an appointment with me ahead of time and come in at lunch or after school, I will not allow retakes during class.

**Cheating or Causes for Loss of Grade**
Cheating is not and will not be acceptable in this classroom. During homework, quizzes or tests, any student caught cheating off another student’s paper will automatically receive a zero, NO EXCEPTIONS. In addition, the student who is allowing others to cheat off of their answers will also be given a zero. Students talking during a test (even if the test has been turned in) will receive an immediate zero on the test or quiz, and will not be allowed to make up that grade. Do your own work and there will not be a problem in this class.

**Extra Credit:**
I do not offer extra credit. If you wish to improve your grade, you make retake any test or quiz from the current six weeks grading period.

**Tutoring:**
- CNM offers free tutoring with the Assistance Center for Education at all of their locations Monday - Friday from 8am – 8 pm. Call 224-4306 for the main branch and 224-5990 for the Montgomery/Morris location.
- Dial-A-Teacher offers tutoring over the phone from 5:30 – 8:30pm Monday through Thursday by calling 344-3571.
- UNM Math Connection online or in person available Tuesdays and Thursdays. Visit mathconnection.unm.edu for more information.
- I am available at 7am each morning and every afternoon until 3:00. If students do not show up with 15 minutes of school ending, I cannot guarantee that I will be at school until 3. If these times do not work, you may set up an appointment with me for another time.

_I have read and understood all the policies of this class. I also understand that this course information page must be kept in the front of my notebook all year long as a reference for me._

Student Name:_________________________________________  Date:____________________________

Student Signature:______________________________________

Parent Signature:________________________________________