

## Accelerated Algebra 2

### Note to parents:

This course is more difficult and faster paced than Algebra 1 and Geometry. It is more important than ever that your child does every homework assignment on time every time. Even if your child has had a history of good grades and reliability in his/her study habits, please check their grades regularly from ParentVue. (For ParentVue help, please contact Marcia Rawls.) Students who are used to good grades without consistent effort may need your support this year with commitment to homework, time management, and above all, getting help when they need it.

Although I have a few graphing calculators to loan, I need them in the classroom and no one will be allowed to take one home. Students benefit from having their own graphing calculator, and will need to be able to use a graphing calculator's capabilities for solving, finding domain and range, and verifying algebraic relationships. TI-83 and TI-84 are the best calculators for Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Calculus and Statistical computations.

Later this fall I will be telling your student how he/she can get free college credit through PCC for Math 95 through the Dual Credit Program. Registration is completely optional and will be in late November or early December.

We have had a number of technical difficulties with our new electronic textbook. Temporarily I will be very flexible about homework until we overcome the following. All students need to be able to:

- Log into Glencoe (Hillsboro District) computers. Please see Mrs. Bond in room 134 if this is still an issue for your child.
- Log into a chrome book. Students need to tell me right away if this is still an issue.
- Log into HMH (our electronic textbook). The usual symptom is the continuously spinning circle indicating that the textbook has failed to load. HMH is working on this one at their end.
- Work through electronic homework in HMH
- Save and hand in homework in HMH
- Do the explorations and access resources in the HMH textbook

Some of these difficulties are problems to solve in Hillsboro district. Our IT team is currently working on this full time. The HMH publisher also has an IT team, and we have teachers on special assignment who are communicating multiple times daily with HMH to coordinate efforts.

**All students should continue to work on overcoming electronic barriers. Paper handouts of each homework assignment are available to all students. No student should skip homework because of technical problems.**