

PWSH Pre-Calculus

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Philosophy: One of the purposes of Pre-Calculus is to prepare you for Calculus. In Calculus, you will be required to demonstrate different methods of solving problems with and without the use of a graphing calculator. Therefore, our course will follow the same practices.

Homework: Homework in Pre-Calculus will be assigned almost every day. Students should be prepared daily with their completed homework. A calendar will be provided for each grading period. Concept Checks will also be given (sometimes unannounced) to assess student comprehension of prior material. Concept Checks count once in the minor grade category.

Quizzes: Quizzes will count in the minor grade category, weighted twice. This means that you will see each quiz grade twice in Skyward.

Tests: Approximately three to five tests will be given each grading period. Any academic dishonesty will result in a zero for that test. In addition to the general rules governing academic dishonesty, any use of a calculator on a non-calculator portion of a test will also result in a zero. Students will use teacher provided calculators on tests when calculators are required. Students must turn in their homework packet on the day of the test.

Retesting: Students that score below an 80 have the opportunity to take a retest over the same material for a maximum score of an 80. They will take a retest at the end of the nine weeks and will answer the questions in the section that corresponds to the test(s) for which they need to retest. Students must score a minimum of a 70 on a digital assignment to be eligible to retest. They will have multiple attempts on the digital assignment.

Daily Materials: Each student is required to bring the following materials to class EVERY DAY: a unit packet, paper, and pencil/pen. When a graphing calculator is needed in class, the class set of calculators will be available. The Texas Instruments TI-84+CE will be used in class. If a student chooses to use a different calculator, it is their responsibility to know how to use it.

Tutoring: Tutoring is available during the times listed below. For the most current tutorial times, look at the tutorials information posted on Google Classroom.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:40-4:10	4:35-5:05	8:20-9:50
Room E515	Room E514	Room E509

Absences: It is the student's responsibility to copy the notes over new material upon returning from an absence. For school absences – students need to get the material **prior** to their absence and be current with the material when they return. Students who are absent on a review day or test day will be expected to take the test on the day they return. Unexcused absences on test days can result in a test with fewer multiple-choice questions.

Google Classroom Code: **provided by your teacher**

Online Text Book: The textbook resource for this course is McGraw Hill Texas Precalculus. Each student can access their book digitally by going to the PISD Webdesk (webdesk.pisd.edu) and accessing your course resources through your "My Classes" backpack.

