**Baines Middle School 8th grade G/T Pre-AP Algebra**

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# *Required* Materials:

* Notebook paper
* Pencils with erasers
* Graph paper (4 squares per inch)
* Pens and highlighters

# *Suggested* Materials:

* 1½ to 2-inch binder
* dividers: Notes, Homework, Quizzes/tests
* TI-*n*spire CX graphing calculator
* Clorox wipes or paper towels (very appreciated)

**Textbook:** Algebra 1, McDougal Littell. All students will be issued an Algebra textbook and practice workbook. Students are responsible for paying for any damages to the textbook or replacement costs for lost textbooks and/or workbooks. The replacement costs are $62.07 for the text and $7.15 for the workbooks. By state law, students **must** keep textbooks covered at all times. If you choose to purchase the stretchy bookcovers, please purchase the jumbo size. The textbook is also available online (see webpage.)

**Tutorials:** I am available for math help from 8:10 – 8:45 in Room 1108 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and after school Wednesdays until 5:00. Students **must** have a pass to come to morning tutorials. Occasionally I am not available before school because of meetings. I will do my best to inform the students the day before and let the front office know that morning as well.

**Working Lunch (WL)** – I host Working Lunch in my classroom daily. This is a time for students to work on late assignments, get a head start on an assignment, or get help on an assignment. Bring your lunch! If you have to buy a lunch, get a WL pass from me to be able to go to the front of the line.

**Extra Credit Opportunities:** Students frequently ask me for extra credit opportunities and I feel this is appropriate for student efforts that go above and beyond. I will assign one extra credit activity/project per grading period. Extra Credit may not replace zeroes per district policy.

**Make-Up Work Policy** – students will have time to do make up work if they are absent. They have the same number of days to do the work as they were absent. For example, if you are absent for 2 days you have 2 days to complete the work. Students are responsible for asking for make-up work when they are absent. IF the assignment is not turned in, you will receive a zero for that assignment. **All assignments are posted on the Homework section of my website.** You no longer have to wait until you return to school!

**Course Content**

 First Semester: Solving Equations and Inequalities, Exploring Functions, Linear Functions and Inequalities

 Second Semester: Solve and Write Systems of Linear Equations and Inequalities, Polynomials, Quadratic Functions, and Other Non-Linear Functions



Calvin and Hobbes: The stuffed tiger Hobbes helps Calvin with homework. Hobbes believes that 7 plus 3 is 73!