

## **PRECALCULUS HONORS SYLLABUS**

*Douglas Anderson School of the Arts – Mrs. Gulamali (Sloss)*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Precalculus is an honors course with the express intent of preparing students to be successful in AP Calculus AB/Calculus I. The course is designed to be both a rigorous review of skills learned in previous math classes as well as an introduction of new skills important in the preparation to take calculus. Students should have successfully completed Algebra II with a grade of B or better as a prerequisite for this course.

**TEXTBOOK:** Demana, Waits, Foley, Kennedy, *Precalculus: Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic, Common Core ed.* Pearson, 2015.

### **ONLINE TEXTBOOK:**

An online version of the textbook is available at [www.phschool.com](http://www.phschool.com) using Web Code azk-4007

**COURSE MATERIALS:** Students are expected to have a notebook, pencils, ruler, and a scientific calculator (a graphing calculator is highly recommended). Cell phones are not acceptable or allowed as calculators. Notebooks should be 1 ½ to 2 inches. All course materials must be brought to class every day.

### **COURSE OUTLINE:**

#### FIRST NINE WEEKS

- Chapter 1 – Functions and Graphs
- Chapter 2 – Polynomial, Power and Rational Functions

#### SECOND NINE WEEKS

- Chapter 4 – Trigonometric Functions
- Chapter 4 – Graphs of Trigonometric Functions

#### THIRD NINE WEEKS

- Chapter 5 – Analytic Trigonometry
- Chapter 6 – Applications of Trigonometry

#### FOURTH NINE WEEKS

- Chapter 8 – Analytic Geometry in Two and Three Dimensions
- Chapter 11 – Limits and Continuity
- Review for End of Course Exam
- Chapter 3 – Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

**STUDENT EVALUATION/HOMEWORK:** Students will be evaluated approximately every two to three weeks by written exam. Other assignments, including quizzes, exit slips, class work, and homework, will also be included in a student's grade. Homework will be assigned daily, collected at the beginning of the next class, and graded for completion. Student responses to specific homework problems may also be collected and graded for correctness. A cumulative First Semester Exam will be given at the end of the second nine weeks and a cumulative District final exam will be given at the end of the year. A student's grade in the class will be assessed on a point system, which is the percentage of points achieved out of the total possible points. The county grading scale is as follows: 90 – 100 % = A; 80 – 89 % = B; 70 – 79 % = C; 60 – 69 % = D; 0 – 59 % = F. Students (and their parents) can follow their own progress by monitoring the grades in the Focus web-based electronic gradebook.

**MAKE-UP POLICY:** Regular attendance in this or any class is ABSOLUTELY VITAL. As always, **make-up work remains the FULL responsibility of the student!** County policy states that make-up work due to absence is due the number of days absent following the student's return. Exams and assignments announced in advance will be taken and are due on the announced date regardless of a student's attendance prior to the date. **Missing a review the class period prior to a test date does NOT excuse a student from taking a test.** It ALWAYS remains the responsibility of the student to determine what work has been missed and to complete the make-up work. An extended absence due to illness should be confirmed with the Guidance Office so that makeup work can be delivered to the student.

**EXTRA HELP:** Extra help is available during Lunch and Learn and before school. In addition, student tutors are available through the school's National Honor Society. Students should come prepared with specific questions – tutoring time will not be devoted to re-teaching class material, even for students who have been absent from class.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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Planning/Conference Time: Periods A4 and B5 – Conferences should be scheduled only through the School Counseling Office

**RULES FOR CLASSWORK**

1. All student work must show the student's first AND last name, period, and date. All class work, homework, tests, and quizzes should be completed in pencil. Notes may be written in pen. Each page in a student's notebook should show a date, including class notes and homework.
2. Homework and all other graded assignments are due when the bell rings for the class to begin and no later. Be sure to check the board each class period for important assignments and due dates.
3. Student work must be his/her own work. Any assignment that has been obviously copied will be given a zero. Any students caught sharing answers on **any** assignment that is not announced as collaborative will both be given zeroes – the student being copied is just as guilty as the student doing the copying.
4. All make-up work must be completed promptly according to the "Make-Up Policy" on the course syllabus. It is the STUDENT'S responsibility to get and complete make-up work.
5. Talking for ANY reason during the administration of a test or quiz until all papers are collected is grounds for a zero.
6. Cell phone use during a test or quiz will result in a grade of 0 and a referral.
7. Students are expected to bring their textbook, notebook, pencil, and calculator, to class every day unless otherwise announced.
8. Graded problems and assignments must **ALWAYS SHOW ALL WORK**. Neither full nor partial credit will be given to any problem that does not show the appropriate work. The answer for any problem that is not a simple calculation should be written in a complete sentence.

## THE DA INTEGRITY STATEMENT:

At Douglas Anderson, we believe that the arts define us. We believe that the arts enrich all human endeavors by bridging differences among people and teaching creative and critical thinking skills. We believe that an environment that promotes student learning and encourages the creative process is physically, intellectually, and emotionally safe. Providing a creative, equitable, and inclusive atmosphere where all students can realize their artistic dreams is integral to our mission of becoming the leading public arts high school in the nation.

It is the expectation that all students at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts hold themselves to the highest standards academically, artistically, and behaviorally. We have a zero-tolerance policy regarding the following:

- **Academic Dishonesty** *including but not limited to:*
  - **Cheating:** Copying answers, data, or other information (or allowing others to do so)
  - **Plagiarism:** Representing the ideas or work of another person as the student's own.
  - **Unauthorized Assistance:** Using a personal electronic device or other form of study aid, physical or digital, during an assessment or assignment without the faculty member's express permission.
  
- **Excessive Unexcused Absences** *including but not limited to:*
  - 5 or more unexcused absences in a calendar month or 10 or more unexcused absences in a 90-day period
  - Excessive unexcused class period absences
  
- **Unethical Behaviors** *including but not limited to:*
  - Use of **Racial Slurs** in verbal, written or electronic form (including but not limited to Social Media, text messages, Airdrop, etc.) on or off school campus
  - **Harassment:** Any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, communication (verbal, written, electronic) or physical action directed against a student or school employee
  - **Bullying:** Systematically and repeatedly inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress upon another; includes cyberbullying
  - **Sexual Misconduct**

Infractions will be addressed in accordance with the **Duval County Public Schools' Student Code of Conduct**. In addition, DA will have supplemental measures in place such as Restorative Practices that will be used in an effort to correct the unacceptable behavior and repair broken culture. Please note that certain infractions must be reported to colleges to which the student is applying, both by the student (who must explain the infraction to the college) and by the school.

Those individuals who do not uphold the standards, values, and ethics of Douglas Anderson School of the Arts may face outcomes including but not limited to:

- Arts area probation for the semester
- Referral to school counselor and/or special programs
- Referral to the Attendance Intervention Team (AIT)
- Exclusion from membership in any honor society
- Exclusion from leadership roles (e.g., Student Government, P/R Class, Issue-Based Theatre, etc.)
- Exclusion from representing the school through participation in:
  - On-campus performances (e.g., concerts) or activities (e.g., Guest Artist, Master Class)
  - Off-campus performances (e.g., Extravaganza) or other field trips (e.g., GradBash)
- Inability to be recommended to a college/university

## **DUVAL HOMEROOM VIRTUAL SCHOOL ADDENDUM:**

The following information pertains to students learning virtually through DA, whether on the Hybrid schedule, Duval HomeRoom schedule, or in the event that a class or school is required to quarantine for a given length of time.

### **Student E-mail:**

When working virtually, your DCPS e-mail is our primary way of being able to connect with you individually. It is critical that you make checking it part of your regular daily routine. I recommend you either add your DCPS account to your existing phone e-mail app, or download *Microsoft Outlook* to manage your school e-mail. (Remember *Microsoft Office* products, including *Word*, *Excel*, *PowerPoint*, *Outlook*, are all free with your DCPS student account. They can be added to your mobile devices and personal computers.)

### **Class Attendance:**

When not meeting face-to-face at school, each class period will meet virtually via the *Microsoft Teams* platform. Students are expected to be online and in the live chat at the time of the regularly scheduled class. Students should have a working microphone, and are expected to participate in class either verbally, or through the *Teams* live chat. Students are strongly encouraged, although not required, to also have a camera available for interactive discussions. Any time a student is voluntarily using a camera in their home, they should be sure to blur the background (available in *Teams* software) and check for school-appropriate appearance.

### **Class Assignments:**

All class assignments will be posted on my website <http://www.MrsGulamali.com>, as well as on the *Microsoft Teams* software, where there will also be detailed instructions. While it will be helpful for students to have printer access for worksheets and handouts, it is not required. Problems from worksheets can be copied onto notebook or graph paper and completed with no problems.

### **Turning in Work (both Hybrid and DHR students):**

All “traditional” work will be turned in digitally via the DCPS Focus portal. Assignments should be scanned as a .pdf file (instructions will be provided) and uploaded as a single file into Focus. Multiple pages of photos, or zipped files cannot be accessed for grading within the Focus software, and will, therefore, not be accepted. If you have any issues with formatting or turning in work, please reach out to me for assistance.

### **Digital or Online Assignments:**

Some work will be assigned on various digital platforms, such as Deltamath.com, MathXL, and Desmos.com. Each of these platforms have rich and interactive activities that can be completed either individually, or collaboratively online from home. Some online activities will require you to show work on paper, that will be expected to be turned in via Focus for credit. Please be sure to read all instructions carefully.

### **Student Success:**

Online coursework can be very easy for some students, and quite challenging for others. Remember, my main goal is for you to be successful. If at any time you are feeling like you are slipping behind, getting lost, or feeling overwhelmed, please reach out for help. I can be reached through our Teams Q & A channel (remember, I have 3 live classes a day, so I may not be able to answer you immediately), or you can e-mail me at [slossk@duvalschools.org](mailto:slossk@duvalschools.org).