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Parents and students please to refer to the HRSB *Assessment, Evaluation, and Communication of Student Learning* Policy accessible at <http://www.hrsb.ns.ca/>

Course Introduction

Students in Pre-calculus 11 will explore the following topics: absolute value, radical expressions and equations, rational expressions and equations, angles in standard position, analyze and solve quadratic equations, linear and quadratic equations and inequalities in two variables, arithmetic and geometric sequences, and reciprocals of linear and quadratic functions.

Evaluation: Term Mark: 80%

Final Exam: 20%

When determining a students' final grade:

- *No single assessment tool (i.e. Probes, Quizzes, Assignments, Tests or Projects) will account for more than half of the value of each Gradebook category*
- *Students will participate in a final cumulative assessment opportunity that allows them to demonstrate an appropriate range of the learning outcomes and process skills involved in the course. This final assessment, a written examination, will be worth no more than 20%.*

Strands include:

17% Sequences and Series (Ch. 1): Arithmetic sequences and series, geometric sequences and series.

40% Quadratics (Ch. 3, 4, 8, 9): Forms of quadratic functions, completing the square, solving quadratic equations (using a graph, factoring, the quadratic formula, and completing the square), solving systems of equations, systems of inequalities.

16% Radicals and Trig (Ch. 2, 5): Simplifying radicals, mathematical operations involving radicals, multiplying/dividing/ simplifying radical expressions, solving radical equations, angles in standard position, trig ratios of any angles.

27% Relations and Functions (Ch. 6, 7): Rational expression, add/ subtract and multiply/ divide rational expressions, solving rational equations, absolute value, absolute value functions and equations, reciprocal functions.

Assessment Practice

Students will be provided with multiple opportunities to demonstrate their progress toward achievement of outcomes.

- Assessment **for** Learning/Formative Assessment is the ongoing process of gathering and interpreting evidence about student learning for the purpose of determining where students are in their learning, where they need to go, and how best to get there; instructional strategy that takes place while the student is still learning and served to promote learning
- Assessment **of** Learning/Summative Assessment is the process of analyzing, reflecting upon, and summarizing assessment information and making a judgment and/or decision based upon the information gathered.
- Assessment will take many forms, and will include observations, conversations, and products.
- Assessment Tools include, but are not limited to homework probes, quizzes, in-class assignments, tests, projects, and the final exam.

Creating Opportunities for Success (reference school code of conduct)

- Students are expected to attend class regularly, be punctual, be prepared with appropriate materials, and homework complete.
- Students are expected to take an active part in their own learning, and follow the DHS school code of conduct (as outlined in the student handbook).
- Students are expected to demonstrate responsible use of technology.
- Students are expected to make positive contributions to the learning environment.

Procedural Expectations

Students are responsible for:

- *Seeking assistance with assignments when required;*
- *Requesting an extension for assignments in a timely manner when required;*
- *Completing assignments by specified due dates so that teachers can provide timely feedback;*
- *Responding to feedback provided during the learning process.*
- *In the event that a due date for an assignment is missed, it will be at the discretion of the teacher and principal to extend the deadline.*
- *Students who do not adhere to the extended deadline will have missed that opportunity to demonstrate achievement towards the outcomes addressed in that assignment.*

- When an assessment is missed due to an absence, students/ parents are asked to communicate with the teacher to arrange for the assessment to be completed.
- Students are **unable** to exempt the final exam for **any** math course, however attendance, lates, and completion of major assessments in math courses will still be considered when applying for exemptions in other courses.

Communication Tools

Dartmouth High School will use a variety of methods to communicate student achievement throughout the school year.

- Parents and students are encouraged to monitor progress (as well as lates and absences) using the PowerSchool portal.
- Assessments may be coded as collected, late, missing, or not included in final grade. There may also be comments listed, such as areas of improvement or dates for negotiated extensions.
- When assessments start to be categorized in a new strand, these assessments are initially weighed heavily and may cause significant change in a student's overall grade. This weighting will become more balanced as assessments continue to be included in the new strand.
- While DHS has a number of scheduled opportunities for communication between home and school (Curriculum Night, Parent-Teacher Interviews, Mid Term Reports, Final Report Cards), parents and students are encouraged to contact the teacher any time during the semester to discuss progress.

Accessing Help

- Extra-help is available Tuesday and Thursday at Lunch. Any other time must be arranged by appointment.

Equipment Needs

- Students will be assigned a text at the beginning of the semester. Students are expected to bring the text every day, as it is the main resource for the course. If they prefer they can access using google classroom.
- Students will need a binder with loose-leaf to use when taking class notes, and completing practice problems.
- Other materials for the course include a **scientific calculator**, pencil, eraser, pen, highlighter, ruler, and graph paper.