

Algebra I

North Valley Baptist Schools
Mathematics Department

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“Do not worry about your difficulties in mathematics; I can assure you that mine are greater.”
- Albert Einstein

Course description: Mathematics is an abstract study of the behavior and interrelationships of numbers. This course is the first in a three-course series which prepares the student for calculus. Algebra I continues the study of topics from pre-algebra and begins intense numerical problem solving.

Why do I need Algebra? In addition to its numerous practical applications, the study of mathematics offers the Christian school student confirmation of absolutes, preparation for life, practice in logical thinking, and the development of problem solving skills. Mathematics is everywhere! It may seem unusual. However, if mathematical concepts are practiced for a long time, they become familiar concepts that are not so troublesome. Being driven is the key.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of Pre-Algebra

Textbook: Algebra I, Saxon

Grading Scale:

A	92 – 100
B	84 – 91
C	75 – 83
D	66 – 74
F	0 – 65

Grading Factors:

Class Attitude	10%
Quizzes	10%
Homework	25%
Tests	30%
Final Exam	25%

Makeup work for excused absences: Students are expected to make up all missed work within the time limit prescribed in the NVBS Student Handbook. *The student is responsible to ask Mr. Nolan for any information regarding any work missed.*

Late work: Any work turned in late will receive a 10% deduction each day it is late.

To ensure your success, I require that you bring the following items to class daily:

1. Your textbook
2. An **orderly** binder for the course
3. Two pencils and a good eraser – I will not accept any work done in ink.
4. Loose-leaf 8.5 x 11 graph paper or college-ruled binder paper

Failure to meet these requirements will result in demerits.