

**Algebra I Program  
Greensburg Community High School**

**Algebra I** is required for high school graduation in the state of Indiana - this is true for every diploma track! For all high school students in Indiana, the state also requires **passing the MATH 10 ISTEP test for graduation**. In other words – it is not enough to earn a passing grade in Algebra I; **you must also** have 70% mastery and retention of indicators (state standards) in order to pass the state test.

In order to help everyone achieve this goal, GCHS has designed a different Algebra I program. Algebra I is divided into four (4) modules- each module being a nine-week grading period. Because progressing through the course is based on demonstrating mastery of indicators (standards), those not attaining 70% mastery of the indicators (standards) for either semester will be required to repeat the module before moving onto the next. For example, if a student does not demonstrate 70% mastery in semester 1 of Algebra, that student will be required to repeat semester 1 before moving on to semester 2.

Students will be taking the Math 10 ISTEP in the spring of their 10<sup>th</sup> grade year.

**GRADING**

**Homework** will account for 20% of the 9-weeks grade.

1. Students should complete all homework to expect to do well on each test.
2. Late work will only receive half credit.
3. **A completed assignment is one in which every problem has been worked out and the work is shown on the paper.**
4. Tests will account for 80% of the students' grade.

The Math department has planned lessons that are designed to help students understand and apply the basic algebra concepts. We are working as a team so you may have a different teacher for each semester. All teachers are using the same materials, same rules and same grading scale.

**YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES** as a student are to be present every day, be prepared by bringing proper materials to class every day, to participate in class discussions, to complete all assignments on time and to contribute to the class daily. **EFFORT** is the most important component. Take an active role and **assume responsibility for your own learning**.

In order to receive a first semester Algebra I credit, students must master (70%) all indicators (standards) in modules 1 and 2. In order to receive a second semester credit, students must master (70%) all indicators (standards) in modules 3 and 4. Credit will be determined at the end of the grading period that modules 2 and 4 are completed.

**Please return this paper the next class meeting with both signatures.**

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Student signature

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Parent signature

Feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time with questions or concerns.

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