

Dear Future Students of Algebra I,

Be very careful. Enter with extreme caution. This class is not going to be easy, so drop this course now if you're looking for a class you'll be able to breeze through. Algebra is a difficult concept to learn even with Professor Yosko in charge. However, it is possible to pass this class, with some hard work and determination.

As a previous student of Algebra I, I have some tips for you. Here are a few:

- Pay attention, even if that means not taking notes. It's more important that you learn the information now. You can always go back and look at the notes if you need to on Pirate Portal.
- Show up. Attendance is necessary. Algebra builds on top of itself, so the more days you miss the more lost you'll be.
- Study. You can never study the information too much. You will only memorize the material better and better.
- Sleep. You won't learn anything if you're sleeping in class. And, let's be honest, algebra is boring. It's pretty difficult to stay awake in there. However, it won't be as difficult if you get a good eight hours of sleep before class.
- Stay Sober. Drugs and alcohol damage your mind and ability to focus, absorb new knowledge, memorize information, etc. However I know, every once in a while an occasional beer can be sort of a relaxing vacation from your stressful life, but it is very important to moderate your use. School should come first.
- Stay Caught Up. If you have any questions or don't understand something, don't hesitate to get help. There are plenty of resources to help you learn including, YouTube, your peers, The Tutoring Center, and your professor's office hours. Use your resources.
- Do Your Homework. You should regularly be checking to see if you have homework due. That is your responsibility. In addition, Learning Logs, one portion of your homework, are like the easiest assignments ever. They're basically a free 100. Do them!

To conclude, passing Algebra I is a difficult task to accomplish, but definitely possible if you put your mind to it. You can do it!

Sincerely,

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