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Students enrolled in Foundations of Math I at Butler will be using the SpringBoard© interactive text in lieu of a traditional Algebra I textbook this year. The SpringBoard© text is interactive in that students can write in, highlight, annotate and make it their own. It also has an interactive digital component. Students work examples, highlight text, add notes and truly own their work and their learning, much like they would with a college level text. Appropriate technology will be integrated into the program to spark student thinking and foster 21st century skills.

SpringBoard© is a standards-based, student-centered, balanced approach to mathematics instruction that includes ongoing opportunities for student collaboration and connections to real-world situations. SpringBoard© was developed using the “Understanding by Design” model, employing proven teaching and learning strategies to enable students to develop critical thinking skills and take personal ownership of their learning. Written by teachers, for teachers, SpringBoard© is a research-based, comprehensive curriculum designed to develop college and career-ready students. The flexible design of SpringBoard© provides multiple opportunities and resource tools to differentiate instruction in order to support the growth and development of *all* students as they pursue success in a rigorous academic environment.

**MATERIALS TO HAVE IN CLASS EACH DAY:**

* SpringBoard© materials
* Pencils(Work completed in ink will receive NO CREDIT)
* Spiral notebook to be used exclusively for math
* Loose leaf notebook paper for assignments to be turned in
* Graph Paper
* Graphing Calculator: TI-83+ or TI-84+

**BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:**

* *ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY:* You are responsible for having the necessary materials and assignments for class each day. You are responsible for being in class and ready to learn on time each day.
* *PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY:* You are expected to participate in all class discussions and activities.
* *RESPECT INDIVIDUALITY:* You will respect the teacher, other students and others’ personal belongings.

*Failure to abide by these guidelines will result in one or more of the following:*

Removal from the planned activity Parent contact

Lunch Detention After-School Detention

Referral to the appropriate administrator

**ABSENCES/MAKE UP WORK:** You are expected to be in class every day. If you must miss class, you will have five school days to make up missed work. *This is your responsibility!* In the case of a school related absence(field trip, etc.), work should be made up *prior to your absence* from class unless other arrangements are made with me ahead of time. With the exception of an absence, late work will be given reduced credit.

**HOMEWORK/CLASSWORK:** Unless otherwise noted, homework and classwork will be graded for completeness. I expect you to attempt EVERY problem assigned. All work must be completed in *pencil*.

**ASSESSMENTS:** Assessments may be given on any day. Cumulative assessments will be announced at least a week in advance. Quick quizzes may be given without notice**. *If you are absent on the day of an assessment, you are expected to take the assessment the day you return.***

**GRADING:** Grades will be made up of Formal and Informal Assessments. Formal Assessments could include tests, projects, and/or quizzes. Informal Assessments could include homework, quizzes and class assignments. Final Grades will be calculated based on the BHS Grading Policy as follows:

* Minimum of 4 formal assessments per course.
* Formal assessments will make up 70% of final grade.
* All students must be provided the opportunity for additional practice and a reassessment when scoring below 79% on a formal assessment. Options for additional practice will be provided by teacher and each instructional department will design specific details/logistics regarding student additional practice.
* Individual students can take formal reassessment once with the potential of earning a maximum score of 79%.
* Any student wishing to take a formal reassessment ***must contact teacher and complete additional practice within 7 calendar days of receiving graded original formal assessment.***
* Reassessment will be available on *Thursdays* before school in room 509, during all lunch periods in room 521 and after school in room 509.

**EXTRA HELP:** Math 1 teachers will be available for questions every *Tuesday* morning from 6:30-7:15 in room 505, and *Tuesdays* during all lunch periods in room 507. Take advantage of the help! Work to develop good study habits.

**TEXT REMINDERS:** Text @mhumphrey3 to 81010 to receive important class reminders.

**WEBSITE:** mhumphrey.weebly.com

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**First Homework Assignment:** Parent/Guardian must contact Mrs. Humphrey by email with all contact phone numbers. This contact will also signify that they have read this opening letter and understand the expectations of the class. When emailing, please put the student name and class period in the subject line.