**Rigorous Course Agreement for AP Calculus**

AP Calculus coursework develops advanced skills and content background and is comparable to Calculus courses in colleges and universities. Success in AP Calculus is closely tied to the preparation students have in courses leasing up to this course. With a solid foundation in courses taken before AP Calculus students will be prepared to handle the rigor of this course.

I, (student’s name), understand and commit to each of the following statements regarding my performance in AP Calculus.

1. I am aware that my success in this course depends heavily on my understanding of the following prerequisite topics:
	1. Solving linear, quadratic, and polynomial equations
	2. Graphing linear, quadratic and polynomial functions
	3. Language of functions (domain and range, periodic, symmetry, zeros, intercepts, etc)
	4. Factoring
	5. Unit Circle trigonometry
2. Homework is assigned daily, required, and expected to be completed on the day it is due. It is critical to success in this class. I accept the responsibility to get extra help from my teacher, peers, or tutor when needed to successfully complete the assignments.
3. I commit to developing strong study skills by
	1. Forming study groups
	2. Taking advantage of tutoring
	3. Making up work in a timely manner
	4. Making sure work is understood and is complete.
4. Absences will be kept to a minimum. I am responsible for all make-up work. If there are extenuating circumstances associated with an absence, I will see my teacher prior to the absence, if possible, or as soon as I return, to discuss a make-up timeline.
5. I understand that at least 50% of my assignments in this course will be completed without the use of a calculator. A graphing calculator is a powerful tool for exploration but not a substitute for a mathematical solution.
6. I understand that **timed** tests and quizzes are part of the rigorous curriculum of this course. I also understand when time is called, my assessment is due.
7. I understand the BHS/CMS honor code and the consequences that I face if I break this code. A zero will replace the grade and each violation will be reported to administration.
8. I am aware of the CMS grading scale and know that **I will receive the grade I earn**.

 Student Signature

 Date

I understand the rigorous course agreement. I will help my child organize study time in support of class assignments, studying for tests and preparing for the AP exam. My support of my student and his/her teacher is assured.

 Parent Signature

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