

# AP PreCalculus Application

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The Advanced Placement Program in PreCalculus enables a student to take a **college level** course while still in high school. This is a great opportunity to stand out amongst your peers and to colleges. Please read the following expectations for the course. Both the student and parents must sign that they understand the expectations before the student will be allowed to take the course.

## Expectations:

### 1. Homework/Pace/Grading:

- The College Board sets the AP curriculum nationally, so that all courses are equal to a college level course. Therefore, I cannot vary from the pace, which is rather quick.
- Students must be willing to work diligently on all assignments. Homework will average 30-45 minutes per night.
- Attendance in each class is vital.
- Students involved in an abundance of extra activities, including after school jobs, may find it difficult to keep up.
- Students should also consider the degree of difficulty of their other courses.
- It is expected that the students will do their assignments the day on which they are given. I will answer some homework questions at the beginning of each class the day after homework is assigned, and then only on a limited basis. Students will have to make an appointment with me for additional help if questions become too lengthy or frequent.
- Quizzes will be given frequently on problems, definitions, and conceptual understanding. These will be announced ahead of time.
- The tests are generally difficult and often take two class periods to complete. (A Non-Calculator and a Calculator Part on most tests)

### 2. The AP Exam:

- All students enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam to fulfill the course requirements.
- It is given nationwide during the first 2 weeks of May. Thus, all material must be covered by this date; we cannot get behind.
- All techniques, formulas, laws and rules must be memorized and understood. No formula sheet will be given with the AP exam.

### 3. Calculators:

- Students **MUST** have a TI-83 or higher. Many of the problems in the homework, tests and the AP exam require the use of a graphing calculator.
- I will be using a TI-84 Plus C Silver Edition.
- Students **may** also purchase a TI-*n*spire, but will need to learn much of the programs themselves on this device.

If both the student and the parents understand these expectations and are committed to the effort necessary for succeeding in AP PreCalculus, please sign below and return to Mr. Flick by March 1, 2024.

Student (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student (Sign) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Sign) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list the other AP or DE course you are going to be concurrently enrolled.

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Please list the grades you received in Algebra II.

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