

Mrs. Indahl's
Algebra 3
Class

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to a new school year. I am so excited to have your student in my Algebra 3 class. I am looking forward to another productive year.

I would like to take this time to briefly introduce myself to you and your family. Our family moved to the Gig Harbor area three years ago from Littleton, CO. We are very happy to be back in our home state of Washington. My husband and I are the proud parents of four children, PJ who is a freshman in college, Hayden who is a Senior at Gig Harbor High School, Taylor (my only daughter) who is a sophomore at Gig Harbor High School, and last but not least, Evan who is a seventh grader at Goodman Middle School.

This will be my second year at Curtis High School. I thoroughly enjoyed last year and look forward to another fun year teaching Algebra 3/4. I truly enjoy working with high school students, and have done so in many different capacities over the last 16 years. I look forward to getting to know each one of my students. I also welcome the opportunity to work as a team with the parents of each of my students in order to enhance their child's learning experiences.

Listed below are the rules and expectations that I have for the operation of my classroom. I want each student to walk into my class and immediately feel welcome, comfortable, safe, and most importantly, as though they will be able to learn in the environment that I have created. The rules that I have established will help to maintain a productive learning environment. I have high expectations of each of my students, and of myself.

Should you as a parent or student have any questions, please contact me. I am a true believer in communication between teacher, student, and parent. I am happy to answer any questions you might have. The best way to reach me is via email. If you drop me an email saying we need to talk, I will get back to you right away. I do check my voicemail, just not as consistently. My goal is to help your student succeed in my classroom, and open communication is one way to ensure that this will happen.

Looking forward to a wonderful year,

Kelly Indahl

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Classroom Rules and Expectations

- 1) Show respect for teacher, peers, and other people's property. This will include supporting the students and the teacher when they are speaking in class. Our classroom will be one where each student will feel safe contributing to the learning of all.
- 2) No eating is allowed in the classroom.
- 3) Be seated and ready to work when class is scheduled to begin. A great deal of time is needed to learn the subject of Algebra, and we are limited in the amount of time we have been given. We need to maximize every minute we spend in class. Please see the new schoolwide tardy policy below.
- 4) Come to class prepared to work, bringing supplies and textbook everyday. Any student who comes to class unprepared is doing a disservice to themselves, and to those around them.

Supplies needed for class:

- 1) One three-ring binder with dividers and paper or one three-subject spiral, graph paper, pencils, and ruler.
- 2) Graphing calculators will be provided in class, but access to a graphing calculator at home will help with homework completion.
- 5) Complete all assigned work. Completing all homework and class work, will help a student to be better prepared for tests, which in turn will increase the chances of success in my class.
- 6) Have fun learning. Believe it or not learning math can be fun, and as a team we will learn how each student can best learn the subject of Algebra.
- 7) Students will follow all school rules, including those that disallow cell phones and electronic music devices in the classroom. These devices will be confiscated and turned into the office. Please see student handbook for extensive list of school policies.

Tardy Policy

1-2 Tardies:	Verbal Warning
3 rd Tardy:	Teacher/Parent Contact
4 th Tardy:	20 minute teacher detention & parent contact
5 th Tardy:	Office referral & after school detention
6 th Tardy:	Office referral & Friday Night School
7-8 th Tardy:	1 day suspension
9 th Tardy:	3 day suspension

Course Policies

Grading: Tests will count for 70% of a student's grade. Homework and homework quizzes will make up 20% of a student's grade. Ten percent of each student's grades will come from participation in daily assignments and special projects.

Extra Credit: There will be opportunities for extra credit, but those will be done fairly, and at the teacher's discretion.

Cheating: Students who cheat will automatically receive an F for the assignment or test in question. The parents will be notified of this occurrence. If cheating occurs again, further disciplinary actions will take place in conjunction with school policy.

Hall Passes: Students will be awarded 6 restroom passes during each semester. Once those passes are used up, no more will be provided. Passes are not transferable to other students.

Homework Club:

Homework club will begin the week of September 10th. On Mondays and Thursdays, students will be able to come in after school from 2:15 to 3:15. Homework club is an opportunity for students to come in and work with other students on their homework, and to get additional assistance from me.

Class Grading Scale

A	93+	B+	87+	C+	77+	D+	67+
A-	90+	B	83+	C	73+	D	60+

Students with an average below 60% at the end of the semester will receive a failing grade.

