

# PWSH Pre-Calculus

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**Philosophy:** One of the purposes of Pre-Calculus is to prepare you for Calculus. In Calculus, you will be required to demonstrate different methods of solving problems with and without the use of a graphing calculator. Therefore, our course will follow the same practices.

**Homework:** Homework in Pre-Calculus will be assigned almost every day. Students should be prepared daily with their completed homework. A calendar will be provided for each grading period. Content Checks will also be given (sometimes unannounced) to assess student comprehension of prior material. Content Checks count once in the daily category.

**Quizzes:** Quizzes will count in the daily grade category, weighted twice.

**Tests:** Approximately three to five tests will be given each grading period. Any academic dishonesty will result in a zero for that test. In addition to the general rules governing academic dishonesty, any use of a calculator on a non-calculator portion of a test will also result in a zero. Students will use teacher provided calculators on tests when calculators are required.

**Retesting:** Students that score below an 80 have the opportunity to take a retest over the same material for a maximum score of an 80. They will take a retest at the end of the nine weeks and will answer the questions in the section that corresponds to the test(s) for which they need to retest. Students must turn in their homework packet on the day of the original test and score a minimum of a 70 on an Edulastic assignment to be eligible to retest. They will have multiple attempts on the Edulastic assignment.

**Daily Materials:** Each student is required to bring the following materials to class EVERY DAY: a unit packet, paper, and pencil/pen. When a graphing calculator is needed in class, the class set of calculators will be available. The Texas Instruments TI-84+ will be used in class. If a student chooses to use a different calculator, it is their responsibility to know how to use it. Also, a TI-84+ CE emulator has been added on Webdesk.

**Tutoring:** Tutoring is available during the times listed below. For the most current tutorial times, look at the tutorials information posted on Google Classroom.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
8:30-9:00	4:25-4:55	3:30-4:00
Room E514	Room E509	Room E515

**Absences:** It is the student's responsibility to copy the notes over new material upon returning from an absence. For school absences – students need to get the material **prior** to their absence and be current with the material when they return. Students who are absent on review day will not receive an extra day prior to taking the test.

**Google Classroom Code:** **provided by your teacher**

**Online Text Book:** The textbook resource for this course is McGraw Hill Texas Precalculus. Each student can access their book digitally by going to the PISD Webdesk ([webdesk.pisd.edu](http://webdesk.pisd.edu)) and accessing your course resources through your "My Classes" backpack.

