

# The Tangent Times

what's going on in Algebra I?

## GRADING POLICY:

As you may have read, Leander ISD has moved to a "Pass/Incomplete" system for Second Semester grades. Students are still able to participate in Continuous Improvement efforts to raise their First Semester grades & their 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks grades. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks will no longer have a numerical grade; students will be given a P for Pass or an I for Incomplete.

5<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks grades will be turned in on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Many students have emailed with concerns about passing. The best advice that we can give, and it's the same advice that we have given all year, is to do your work and ask for help when you need it!

GPA will be determined based on First Semester grades; Second Semester grades will not be included in GPA.

## TUTORIALS:

Teachers will begin hosting **virtual tutorials**, via Zoom, to help students who have questions about posted assignments. Any student can attend a session with any teacher, even if it is not their specific math teacher.

The schedule will be as follows:

**Mrs. Ellis & Coach Ortiz**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays from 2:30-3:00pm**

**Mrs. Bamber & Mrs. Blakeney**

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 2:30-3:00pm**

Students will ask questions via the chat feature, directly to the teachers, who will then answer the questions in the order received. Students are free to leave when their question is answered or stay to see other questions get answered as well.

**Links will be posted on Google Classroom.**

## STAAR UPDATES:

The rumors are true... the Algebra 1 STAAR test has been cancelled for the 2019-2020 school year, due to school closures from COVID-19.

**However, students do still have to pass the Algebra 1 course to get credit for Algebra 1 and continue to Geometry.**

Algebra I  
**STAAR:**



*The Algebra team*

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## Recap of Freshman meeting:

- Prom is May 16th, if we return, but we are preparing for not returning.
- Summer school is unknown for now
- You will receive a P or I for each week in the grade book. You will also receive a P or I for the 5th and 6th 6 weeks grading cycle, which will determine a P or I for the Spring semester. (Just prove to your teachers you know what you're doing, stay connected, stay engaged, and work.)
- NO FINALS
- If you pass, you will move up and we will plan for reviewing in the fall.
- AP testing: a letter was sent out with information and you need to stay in contact with your teacher or Jen Aragon.
- Grizzzone: It's for students and parents, go check it out!
  - <https://sites.google.com/leanderisd.org/grizzzone/home>
- Prof Com created a combined Google Classroom, the code is: ko7wxw7
- Choice sheets for next year's classes will be sent out via email, keep a lookout!
- Mr. Lomeli's BIG 3:
  1. Take care of yourself and your family
  2. Stay connected with school
  3. Celebrate with us

## DIFFERENTIATION UPDATE:

GOOGLE CLASSROOM IS YOUR go-to.

Check your teacher's GC

A-Days: Monday and Wednesday

B-Days: Tuesday and Thursday

Communicate, Communicate!

See Checklist

### HAVE YOU TOUCHED BASE?

- ☐ MESSAGE A TEACHER
- ☐ E-MAIL
- ☐ CORRECT YOUR TEST
- ☐ ATTEND A ZOOM MEETING
- ☐ ATTEND A VIRTUAL TUTORIAL
- ☐ WORK A QUIZZZ
- ☐ SUBMIT A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION
- ☐ TEXT VIA REMIND
- ☐ WORK A DESMOS
- ☐ SCROLL THROUGH A PEAR-DECK