Intensified Algebra 1 Syllabus
Mr. Riley

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Conference: 5th Period (12:37-1:27) Tutoring: Every morning, 8:00 - 8:40

Workbook: *Agile Mind Student Activity Book*; Charles A. Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin, Learning Sciences Research Institute at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Agile Mind, Inc.

Instructional Website: eanes.agilemind.com
Agile Mind maintains a website that includes electronic copies of the materials used in class and those found in the Student Activity Book. Students will find some assignments, quizzes, and tests on this site, as well. Student login information will be shared in class.

Google Classroom: In addition to my Weebly site (whscriley.weebly.com), the majority of resources for this class will be available through Google Classroom. Workbook PDFs, homework, and calendars are posted and frequently updated.

Materials:
- One 4-pack of Expo Dry Erase Markers
- One box of Kleenex
- One two-pocket folder
- **Charged** iPad with Desmos Test Mode App downloaded
- **OPTIONAL:** Graphing calculator – TI 83+ or TI 84+ (or equivalent) are allowed on STAAR, SAT, SAT II, and AP Math exams

Grading Policy: Your **semester average** is the average of the two quarterly grades (40% each) and the final exam (20%). Your **quarterly grade** will be calculated with the following weights:
- **Daily Grades – 10%** - Most daily grades will be graded homework assignments.
- **Quiz Grades – 30%** - Periodically, there will be quizzes to check for understanding.
- **Tests – 60%** - There are 9 units in the Intensified Algebra 1 curriculum and each unit has a mid-unit test and end-of-unit test. In each marking period, there will be 2-3 test grades stemming from these assessments.

Homework
Practice and repetition is crucial when learning new mathematics. In this class, homework is the most frequent opportunity for practicing math. Homework will be issued almost every day and you are expected to complete and return these assignments for a daily grade.

Make-up Policy

- When you are absent it is your responsibility to **look at the instructional website and online calendar for the day**, to turn in missed work, and to make arrangements to make up any missed assignments or tests. Please be sure to check the online calendar before talking to me about make-up work.
- If you are absent for a school-related function you will be expected to participate in the next days' class as though you had been present – be sure to get your assignments **before** the missed day(s).
- Being absent the day before a test does not *automatically* excuse you from taking the test. If no new material was presented, you should expect to take the test as scheduled.
- If you miss class for any reason (excused or unexcused), remember that materials are available on Google Classroom and the Agile Mind website. Please use this resource to help prepare yourself for your return to school.

UIL Eligibility

It is the **student's responsibility** to be aware of his/her grades and how those grades will affect their eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities. Refer to the Student Handbook for more information on eligibility rules.

Classroom Rules

- Respect others, yourself, and property.
- Be prepared with all materials and seated in your assigned seat when class begins.
- Listen attentively, take notes, and ask questions – *ENGAGE YOUR BRAIN*!
- Follow the Westlake Honor Code. School policy will be enforced.

Course Description

Intensified Algebra 1 is a class focused not only on Algebra I state standards, but on problem-solving strategies and brain growth as well. We will see that intelligence is malleable and that through hard work, meaningful struggle, and practice, students become stronger mathematicians. Much like an athlete works out in the gym, we will treat the classroom as a place for progress and mastery in Algebra.