

Mr. Alderman
Stats & Trig (FST), College Algebra, and Pre-Calculus

- In these classes, I check out a solution manual to each student. This puts the students on the honor system for homework. If they use the solution manual correctly, they will get immediate feedback on their work and will know when to ask for help. If they don't use it correctly, the 100% they earn on homework will not make up for the poor test scores they are likely to earn.
- I will keep grades updated in Power School. Homework will be entered weekly. Everything else will be entered the day it is turned in or the day after it's turned in. Here are some things you can look for in Power School:
 - **Homework** is graded on effort; all HW grades should be 100%.
 - **Notes** grades should be 100% as well.
 - **Quiz** and **3-min Quiz** scores tend to fluctuate throughout the year. A few low grades here are not a concern.
 - Tests are worth the most points. I get them into the gradebook the day we take them or the day after. I will send a letter home if the grade is good or if it is low.
- I print out a grade sheet at least once a week and post it in the room.
 - Besides the current grade, I include the student's "potential grade." This is what their grade would be if they earned 100% on all Homework and Notes.
 - If you are ever interested in the "potential grade" of your child, e-mail me at ralderman@usd329.com and I'll send you their current and potential grade.

You don't have to know anything about Math to help your child. Check up on their grades and remind them that they can get 100% on all Homework and Notes. Tell them to come by and see me for help if they are struggling. I'm available at 7:30 most mornings and during AB.

I guarantee the students an A or B if they will:

1. Do all of the homework.
2. Stop by and see me after absences to learn about what they missed.
3. Stop by for help whenever they START to feel lost.