AP Calculus AB 2023-2024

Course Information

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Textbook: Calculus for the AP Course

by Sullivan and Miranda

Class website: http://www.everettsd.org/jhs-cwalters

All instructional materials can be accessed through Canvas

Course Description

AP Calculus AB is equivalent to a first-semester college calculus course devoted to topics in differential and integral calculus. The AP course covers topics in these areas including concepts and skills of limits, derivatives, definite integrals, and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. The course teaches students to approach calculus concepts and problems when they are represented graphically, numerically, analytically, and verbally, and to make connections amongst these representations.

This course will be offered for College in the High School credit through Everett Community College. This course will be 5 credits as MATH&151: Calculus 1 at a cost of \$220. Additional information will be provided in class and from the link on my website above.

Learning Outcomes

CHANGE

- Use derivatives to solve real-world problems involving rates of change.
- Use definite integrals to solve problems involving the accumulation of change over an interval.
- Use definite integral to solve problems involving the accumulation of change in area or volume over an interval.

LIMITS:

- Use definitions, theorems, and properties to justify claims about limits.
- Use definitions, theorems, and properties to justify claims about continuity.
- Use definitions, theorems, and properties to determine a limit and a derivative.
- Use definitions, theorems, and properties to approximate definite integrals using geometric and numerical methods.

ANALYSIS OF FUNCTIONS

- Draw conclusions about a function's behavior using existence theorems and derivatives.
- Relate the behavior of a function and its derivative.
- Apply derivative rules to simplify differentiation.
- Apply knowledge of geometry, mathematical rules, and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus to simplify integration.
- Solve differential equations to determine functions and develop models.

MATHIEMATICAL PRATICES

- Implementing Mathematical Processes
- Connecting Representations
- Justification
- Communication and Notation

Course Outline

- 1. Limits and Continuity
- 2. Differentiation: Definition and Fundamental Properties
- 3. Differentiation: Composite, Implicit, Inverse Functions
- 4. Contextual Applications of Differentiation
- 5. Analytical Applications of Differentiation
- 6. Integration and Accumulation of Change
- 7. Differential Equations
- **8.** Applications of Integration
- **9.** AP Exam Review
- **10.** Integration and Accumulation of Change Integration Techniques

Grades: http://www.everettsd.org/lms

Classwork/Assignment: 10% Unit Tests and Projects: 90% No changes to grades will be made based on AP Exam results

Letter Grade	A	A –	B +	В	В –	C +	С	C –	D +	D	F
Percent	100-93	92-90	89-87	86-83	82-80	79-77	76-73	72-70	69-67	66-60	59-0



Classroom Policies & Expectations

Grading Policy

Mathematical Explanation required for all problems: (may include the following but is not limited to)

- Algebraic steps or verbal explanations
- Graphs, tables, or pictures that are clearly labeled.
- Calculator entries, when using a calculator.
- Correct standard mathematical notation.
- Decimal answers should be accurate to 3 places.
- Final answers can be equivalent to those provided

Classwork/Assignments:

- Expect daily assignments to practice the concepts.
- Assignments are due at the beginning of the next class, where time will be given to review answers.
- Assignments will earn 1 point for each problem
- Students are responsible for self-correcting and asking questions when they don't understand
- Late assignments will be accepted until unit test with a 15% reduction in score.
- Excused absences will have 1 week grace period before late penalty is applied

You can learn mathematics, but it won't happen by itself. You will have to work at it!

- 1. Participate in class.
- 2. Take and review your notes each day.
- 3. Attempt all problems assigned.
- 4. If you don't know, do as much as you can.
- 5. Ask questions when you don't understand.
- 6. Come in for additional help when you first start to struggle.

Assessments (weighted to 100 points):

- Mix of calculator and non-calculator questions
- All tests must be completed on the day they are started
- Typical scoring of questions
 - o Multiple Choice questions: 2 points each
 - O Short answer questions: 5 points each
 - Correct Solution (2 points)
 - Mathematical Explanation (3 points)
 - If you are absent the day before a test, you will still be expected to take the test.

Test Correction Privileges:

- Students who are absent (unexcused) on the day of the test will lose the privilege to correct that test.
- Student must complete test corrections before the next unit test.
- Corrections will earn back ½ the points missed up to a max score of 85%.
- Must be completed in the classroom and not during class time unless all required daily work is complete.

Extra Credit Opportunity:

- Bonus percentage points will be added to each unit assessment for the unit's assignments.
- No violations of electronic device behavior expectations during unit.

Overall assignment score of 97% or higher earns 3% bonus on unit assessment, 87% or higher earns 2% and 77% or higher earns 1%

Behavior Expectations

- All school wide and district policies as described in the Student Handbook will be enforced.
- Students are expected to be respectful towards their peers, teacher, and the classroom.
- A 5 minute hall pass will allow one student out of the room at a time. A log will be kept.
- **No Electronic Devices** (cell phone, headphones, etc.) will be allowed during class, except a calculator and a district issued device or equivalent without permission from the teacher.
- Drinks are allowed if the bottle has a closable lid (spill proof).
- Food is **not** permitted, unless required for medical reasons.

Materials

- Textbook: available from the library for checkout.
- Notebook (paper or digital) of your choice to keep your notes and classwork organized.
- Scientific calculator required. A graphing calculator, such as the TI-83+ or TI-84 is highly recommended and is required for those planning on taking the AP Exam.