

Survey of Current Algebra 2 Honors Students

Question:

What advice would you give to next year's Algebra 2 Honors students?

Student Responses:

- When you are doing your homework, don't just look at the answers, actually try to understand the problem. Pay close attention to problems on growth checks, team tests, and worksheets, because very similar problems show up on the test.
- Do the homework and make sure you understand how to do it. Make sure you review your notes for class to do well in it.
- For a student to be successful in this class, I would just tell them to make sure to be able to do all the classwork on their own. Of course it's great to discuss with your team and go back and forth in order to find solutions, but you should not just copy answers and methods from your classmates. This would make it hard to solve the problems later on and on the test. Also, don't be fearful to seek help from classmates or the teachers and whatnot. Anybody in the classroom is willing to help, and if you are someone who does understand it, then definitely be open to helping others.
- Begin preparing for exams at least a week in advance, and know the concepts that you do not understand.
- Ask questions when you are confused.
- Make sure you study for tests using the study guide and growth checks because you will know what to study after seeing your results on those.
- Keep up on your homework. Don't be afraid to ask questions whenever you are confused. Work with your teammates whether you're strongly independent or not.
- I would suggest going to office hours because the teachers all cover the information you need to be successful and they work with you one-on-one so you get the opportunity to focus on your own struggles instead of the whole class'.
- I would say to make sure when you do your homework at home, not to just copy the answers. the homework actually helps me review the questions that will be on the test.
- Don't memorize procedures and equations. Understand how they work so that you can apply them to different questions easier.
- Use the resources available to you: teachers, friends, the textbook, the internet etc. Don't be stubborn about trying to solve a math problem by yourself if you're stumped.
- When you get a bad grade on a test, work to replace it
- You will be frustrated. There will be concepts that do not click for you, but you can not just give up. Have grit, be determined to understand the problems so you do not become frustrated again. And ask for help if you need it, the teacher is there to help you.
- Study. Actually study. Don't lie to yourself.