Common Core Algebra I
Syllabus

Course Number: MA2003   **Grade level:** 9–12

Prerequisite Courses: Common Core Math 8   **Credits:** 1.0

Course Description

This course begins with a brief review of what students should already know about linear equations, with a focus on analyzing and explaining the process of solving equations. Students develop a strong foundation in working with linear equations in all forms, extending solution techniques to simple equations with exponents. Students explore functions, including notation, domain and range, multiple representations, and modeling. Through the comparison of linear and exponential functions, students contrast the concepts of additive and multiplicative change. Students then apply what they have learned to linear models of data, analyzing scatterplots and using lines of best fit to apply regression techniques. The course closes with an exploration of rational exponents, quadratic and exponential expressions, and an introduction to non-linear functions, with a heavy emphasis on quadratics.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Analyze and interpret the structure of expressions and write expressions in equivalent forms to solve problems
- Communicate effectively using graphic, numeric, symbolic, and verbal representations
- Recognize the graph of given data as being linear, quadratic, or exponential
- Solve equations and inequalities in one variable and represent and solve equations and inequalities graphically
- Create and solve equations that describe numbers or relationships
- Model and solve problems with linear systems graphically

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course would. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on the following activities:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of instructional videos and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Lesson Quizzes	30%
Unit Tests	30%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Assignments	20%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

Unit 1: Relationships Between Quantities and Reasoning with Equations
Unit 2: Linear and Exponential Relationships
Unit 3: Linear and Exponential Relationships (continued)
Unit 4: Descriptive Statistics
Unit 5: Expressions and Equations
Unit 6: Quadratic Functions and Modeling