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Grade Level: 7th-10th

Course Description: Saxon Algebra ½ textbook is a full pre-algebra course and an introduction to geometry and discrete mathematics. Topics covered include prime and composite numbers; fractions & decimals; order of operations, coordinates, exponents, square roots, ratios, algebraic phrases, probability, the Pythagorean Theorem and more.

What to Expect: Students can expect about 45 minutes to 1 hour of homework daily. Students should grade their work and correct their errors daily. The best learning takes place when we correct our errors. This is a crucial step to gaining a full understanding of the material. The answers to the odd problems are located in the back of the book. The few even problems that are assigned will need to be graded by a parent. In addition to class instructional time, I provide videos with extra practice problems for the student to view online at SchoolTube. Access to the internet and a SchoolTube account will be required. Please feel free to email or text me any additional questions during the week.

Pre-requisites: Successful completion of the previous Saxon Math Class or Placement in Saxon Algebra ¹/₂ via the placement test in the link below or a similar Saxon placement test. Text or email me pictures of your child's placement test grade and work for approval. <u>https://www.sonlight.com/uploads/saxon_middle_placement.pdf</u>

Supplies Required: Textbook and Solution Manual listed above, as well as an inch/centimeter ruler, protractor, compass, scissors, notebook paper, graph paper, and scientific calculator. I recommend Texas-Instruments TI-30XIIS at this level or a graphing calculator that can be used in later algebra classes. If you purchase a graphing calculator make sure it is approved for the ACT and SAT. Also, used graphing calculators are readily available on Facebook Marketplace.

Textbook:

• Saxon Algebra 1/2 Third Edition ISBN 1565771494

• Saxon Algebra 1/2, Third Edition, Solution Manual (optional) ISBN 1565771311 (It is not recommended that the students have access to the Solution Manual, however, it can be a great tool for the parents when helping with homework.)

- Monthly class cost: \$10.00 per week
- Materials Fee: \$25.00 (per semester)

Minimum # of students: 5.

Maximum # of students: 18

