

Class Name: Saxon Algebra ½ (Pre-Algebra)

Block 3 (11:00-11:55) Fall & Spring 2024-25

Tutor: Jenny Dixon

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 1 hour of homework daily. Students should have their work graded and correct their errors daily before moving onto the next lesson. The best learning takes place when we correct our errors. This is a crucial step to gaining a full understanding of the material. In addition to class instructional time, I provide videos with extra practice problems for the student to view on an unlisted YouTube channel. If your child is still struggling with a problem after viewing the provided video for that lesson, please feel free to email or text me.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of the previous Saxon Math Class or Placement in Saxon Algebra ½ 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. https://www.sonlight.com/uploads/saxon_middle_placement.pdf

Textbooks Required:

Saxon Algebra 1/2 Third Edition ISBN 1565771494
Saxon Algebra 1/2, Third Edition, Solution Manual ISBN 1565771311
It is not recommended that the students have access to this book, however, it can be a great tool for the parents when grading and helping with homework.

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. Buying used books and calculators is a great way to save money. Check Facebook marketplace or other buy/sell sites to find used books.

Materials fee: \$25.00 per semester (this includes access to the videos for each lesson)

Maximum # of students: 15
Minimum # of students: 5