

Algebra II Study Suggestions:

For class:

- Print out the notes for the chapter ahead of time from the internet.
- Read through the notes a day before the lecture.
- Bring your print-out to class with you. As I am lecturing have your textbook open and your print-out in front of you. Write down anything I say or put up on the board that is not in either the textbook or the print-out that makes them easier to understand. This is called annotating your notes.
- When we are working on problems in class, do the problem in your notebook. Make sure you write out all of the steps and any quick notes to help you remember what to do or short cuts you can take. Check your answer with the answer given in class. If your answer is different raise your hand to find out what you have done wrong and how to correct your mistake.

At Home:

- Using your textbook, your annotated print-outs and your notebook full of examples make an honest attempt to complete all of your homework problems. At the very least you could indicate what rules from the notes apply or which examples you think you should be using even if you have no idea of how to complete the problem. In this way you will show me that you have made an effort to complete the problem.
- Make a note in your notebook of which problems you had trouble completing so that you can ask me how to do them the next day in class, or come to see me after school for help.
- Pay particular attention to the problems I have listed on the review sheet as possible test questions. Make sure that you understand these problems very well since there is no in class review before tests.

Before Quizzes and Tests:

- Work through the review problems. You should have plenty of examples of how they are correctly done in your notebook from the work we have done in class each day.
- Study with a reliable friend who takes good notes. He may understand problems that you don't and vice-a-versa.
- Use the review sheets to make practice tests for yourself. Try to complete them in under 50 minutes without the aid of notes or the text.