Plano ISD Honors Precalculus Syllabus 2017-2018

1st semester (80 days)

1st Grading Period (42 days)

Non-Trigonometric Functions

- Evaluating and using function notation for advanced functions.
- Identifying attributes of all functions, such as domain and range, asymptotes, intercepts, extrema, end behavior, intervals of increasing/decreasing, and whether it is one-toone.
- Determining odd and even functions graphically and algebraically.
- Graphing and writing equations of all non-trig parent functions and their transformations.
- + Describing the effects of the |f(x)| and f(|x|) transformation.
- Finding and utilizing quotients with long/synthetic division.
- Identifying an appropriate domain for a real-world situation.
- Rewriting absolute value functions as piecewise functions.
- Graphing and writing equations of polynomial and rational functions.
- Using the Remainder Theorem, Factor Theorem and Rational Zero (Root) Theorem to aid in graphing polynomial functions.
- Describing end behavior and asymptotic behavior using limit notation.
- + Using the Intermediate Value Theorem to prove that f(c) is between f(a) and f(b).

Non-Trigonometric Solving

- Solving polynomial equations.
- Using the properties to simplify/expand logarithmic expressions.
- Evaluating logarithmic and exponential expressions.
- Solving real-world problems involving exponential, logarithmic, polynomial, rational, and power (radical) functions.

End of grading period: October 20

2nd Grading Period (38 days)

Continue Non-Trigonometric Solving

- Using sign patterns to solve polynomial and rational inequalities.
- Solving polynomial and rational inequalities graphically.
- Creating a simplified function rule from the composition of two or more advanced functions.
- Decomposing a composite function.
- Finding the inverse of a function algebraically and graphically.
- Verifying functions are inverses if and only if their compositions are commutative.
- Describing the relationship between a function and its inverse in regards to domain, range and transformations.
- + Finding the domain of a composite function.

Trigonometric Fundamentals

- Finding positive and negative radian measures of arc lengths.
- Converting angle measures between degrees and radians.
- Identifying coterminal and reference angles.
- Identifying trigonometric ratios in terms of x, y, and r.
- Calculating trig function values with and without a calculator.
- Graphing the trig functions and stating their critical attributes.
- + Transforming all six trigonometric functions
- Graphing sinusoidal functions, giving its critical attributes (amplitude, period, phase shift, etc.) and labeling significant points.
- Writing an equation of a sinusoidal function given a graph or specific attributes.
- Calculating angular and linear velocities.

End of grading period: December 20

Semester Exams: December 15, 18 - 20

3rd Grading Period (45 days)

Continue Trigonometric Fundamentals

- Finding the value of inverse trig functions in radians.
- + Identifying the principal intervals for all six trigonometric inverse functions.
- Evaluating compositions of trigonometric functions and inverse trigonometric functions.
- Writing algebraic expressions from the composition of trigonometric functions and inverse trigonometric functions.
- + Graphing all inverse trig parent functions and transformations.
- Using trigonometric identities to simplify and evaluate expressions.
- Verifying trigonometric identities.

Trigonometric Solving and Applications

- Finding general solutions or solutions within a given interval.
- Finding exact solutions which involve special angles from the unit circle.
- Using a calculator to find approximate solutions only when necessary.
- Sketching an appropriate representation for the situation.
- Labeling the representations appropriately.
- Using trig identities to solve and verify equations.
- Using Law of Sines, and Law of Cosines to solve for missing sides and angles of triangles and other applications
- Using $A = \frac{1}{2}ab\sin(c)$ to find the area of triangles.

Conics, Parametrics, Vectors, and Polar

- Identifying conic sections from a double-napped cone and their locus definitions.
- Graphing ellipses, hyperbolas, parametric, and polar equations with and without technology.
- Finding the attributes of ellipses and hyperbolas.
- Writing parametric, conic, and polar equations to model situations.
- Converting between multiple representations.
- Performing vector operations.

4th Grading Period (52 days)

Continue Conics, Parametrics, Vectors, and Polar

- Finding the resultant vector algebraically and graphically.
- Finding the magnitude and direction of a vector.
- + Using dot product to determine if two vectors are orthogonal and to find the angle between two vectors.
- Representing objects in motion using parametric equations.
- Using parameter restrictions to determine domain and range.
- Using the calculator in parametric and polar mode.
- + Solving systems of polar equations algebraically.

Sequences and Series

- Writing recursive formulas for a given arithmetic or geometric sequence.
- Finding the sum of a finite arithmetic or geometric series.
- Finding the sum of an infinite geometric series.
- Writing arithmetic and geometric series using sigma notation.
- Expanding a binomial expression.

End of grading period: June 1

Semester Exams: May 30 – June 2

End of grading period: March 9