

a-g Trigonometry / Pre-Calculus

Course Description:

This is a course of study of all the mathematics necessary for success in a Calculus class, including probability, statistics, series and sequences, polynomial and rational functions, exponential and logarithmic functions, trigonometric functions, vectors, rectangular and polar coordinates, and matrices and determinants.

Prerequisite(s): Geometry, Algebra 2

Length of Course: One year required for graduation

Year in School Taken: 11 or 12

Course Objectives/Details:

Coursework will include a thorough understanding and application of the following topics:

Angle measurement in degrees and radians

Trigonometric Functions:

Graphs

As related to the Pythagorean Theorem

As related to slope of a line

Inverse functions and their graphs

Computing values of functions at standard points

Addition formulas and their proofs

Half-angle and double-angle formulas

Graphing:

Polar and rectangular coordinates

De Moivre's theorem

Word Problems:

Laws of sines and cosines

Trigonometry

Methods for Evaluating Student Performance:

Evaluation of student performance is based on individual abilities, interests, and talents. Methods by which student progress is assessed will be through a variety and/or combination of methods. The methods available include but are not limited to the following:

Monthly review of work by education specialist (credentialed teacher),

Portfolios

Parent facilitator and education specialist observation

Student demonstrations,

Student grades,

Student work samples

Written Examinations

Research Projects

Texts:

Larson, Precalculus With Limits A Graphing Approach, 4th Ed.

McDougal-Littell

Precalculus with Limits: A Graphing Approach, 4th Ed. High School version

Order Number:333052

ISBN: 978-0-618-39480-7

ISBN10: 0-618-39480-X

Trigonometry, 5th ed. AND Precalculus – Mathematics for Calculus (both texts)

Brooks/Cole Publishers (www.brookscole.com)

Trigonometry ISBN 0534403921

Precalculus ISBN 0534434215 (4th Ed.),

ISBN-10: 0534492770 | ISBN-13: 9780534492779 (5th Ed.)

Saxon Advanced Math

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ISBN: 1565771273

Advanced Math Solutions Manual

ISBN: 1565770420

Saxon Calculus (text needed for the last 9 weeks of a-g Trig/PreCal course)

ISBN: 1565771990

Saxon Calculus: Solutions Manual

ISBN: 0939798352

This text/program is a two year program!

Student can move to Saxon Advanced Math upon satisfactory completion of Saxon Algebra 2 (2nd or 3rd edition only). Student must complete all 129 lessons in entirety and satisfactorily complete all tests in course to move on to the Saxon Advanced Math program.

a-g Geometry credit is granted upon completion of lesson 90, which is year one of the two year Saxon Advanced Math program where the student completes one lesson every 2 days (odd numbered problems one day, even numbered the next).

a-g Trig/PreCal credit is granted upon completion of year two of the two year Saxon Advanced Math program. At the beginning of year two, student should go back to lesson 60 (repeating lessons 60-90) and complete lessons 60 through 127 of the Advanced Math Text, completing one lesson every 2 days (odd numbered problems one day, even numbered the next). During the last 9 weeks of the Trig/PreCal course, the student will move on to Saxon Calculus completing at least 27 lessons of the Saxon Calculus program. Student should be prepared for Calculus upon satisfactory completion.

****NOTE****The typical sequence course sequence for Saxon Math is:

Saxon Alg 1 8th grade (or 9th)

Saxon Alg 2 = a-g Alg 2 9th (or 10th)

Saxon Adv Math, year 1 of 2 = a-g Geom 10th (or 11th)

Saxon Adv Math/Calculus year 2 of 2 = a-g Trig/PreCal 11th (or 12th)

Saxon Calculus = a-g Calculus 12th

Advanced Mathematical Concepts: Precalculus with Applications, by Gordon-Holiday,
Yunker, Vannatta, and Crosswhite
Glencoe McGraw-Hill, 1999
ISBN: 002834135X

Calculus : Concepts and Contexts, Single Variable, by Stewart / Stewart, James
Brooks/Cole, 1997
ISBN: 053434450X

Calculus, by Stewart, James
Brooks/Cole Publishing, 1994
ISBN: 0534217982