

School District of Marshfield Course Syllabus

Course Name: AP Calculus AB Honors Length of Course: 1 Year Credit: 1

Program Goal(s):

The School District of Marshfield Mathematics Program will prepare students for college and career in the 21st century by ensuring *all* students learn based on skills and knowledge needed to succeed in post-secondary education/training, career, and life. The 4K through High School Mathematics curriculum is designed to support every student in achieving success. Students will be placed in to the driver's seat. Innovative educators will tailor instruction to student need through engaging learning activities and relevant assessment.

Course Description:

AP Calculus AB is roughly equivalent to a first semester college calculus course devoted to topics in differential and integral calculus. The AP course covers topics in these areas, including concepts and skills of limits, derivatives, indefinite and definite integrals, applications of derivatives and integrals, slope-fields, and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. The course teaches students to approach calculus concepts and problems when they are represented graphically, numerically, analytically, and verbally, and to make connections amongst these representations. Students learn how to use technology to help solve problems, experiment, interpret results, and support conclusions.

RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITES: Before studying calculus, all students should complete the equivalent of four years of secondary mathematics designed for college-bound students: courses which should prepare them with a strong foundation in reasoning with algebraic symbols and working with algebraic structures. Prospective calculus students should take courses in which they study algebra, geometry, trigonometry, analytic geometry, and elementary functions. These functions include linear, polynomial, rational, exponential, logarithmic, trigonometric, inverse trigonometric, and piecewise defined functions. In particular, before studying calculus, students must be familiar with the properties of functions, the composition of functions, the algebra of functions, and the graphs of functions. Students must also understand the language of functions (domain and range, odd and even, periodic, symmetry, zeros, intercepts, and descriptors such as increasing and decreasing). Students should also know how the sine and cosine functions are defined from the unit circle and know the values of the trigonometric functions at the numbers $0, \pi/6, \pi/4, \pi/3, \pi/2$, and their multiples.

Standards:		
1.2B - In problems where students practice applying		
results of key theorems (e.g., Intermediate Value		
eorem, Mean Value Theorems, and/or L'Hospital's		
le), students are required for each problem to		
nonstrate verbally and/or in writing that the hypotheses		
the theorems are met in order to justify the use of the		
propriate theorem. For example, in an in-class activity,		
dents are given a worksheet that contains a set of		
ctions on specified domains on which they must		
ermine whether they can apply the Mean Value		
eorem. There are cases where some of the problems do		
meet the hypotheses in one or more ways. [CR2a]		
3.3A - Students are provided with the graph of a		
ction and a second function defined as the definite		
egral of the graphed function with a variable upper		
it. Using differentiation and antidifferentiation,		
dents evaluate specific values of the second function		
then find the intervals where the integral function is		
reasing, decreasing, concave up, and concave down.		
ey use this information to sketch a rough graph of the		
ond function. [CR2b] [CR2d: graphical]		
3.2B - Students are presented with a table of		
very students are presented with a table of		
servations confected over time periods of different		

[CR2c] - The course provides opportunities	Riemann sums to numerically approximate the average
for students to implement	value of the readings over the given time period and
algebraic/computational processes.	interpret the meaning of that value. [CR2c] [CR2d:
[CR2d] - The course provides opportunities	numerical]
for students to engage with graphical,	
numerical, analytical, and verbal	
representations and demonstrate connections	
among them.	
Connecting Multiple Representations	LO 2.3C - Students are presented with numerous functions
[CR2d] - The course provides opportunities for students to engage with graphical, numerical, analytical, and verbal representations and demonstrate connections	functions are presented numerically, graphically, analytically (in the form of a formula), and verbally (as a description in words of how the function behaves). Many of these functions are distinct, but some represent the
among them.	same function (e.g. one of the functions presented
[CR3b] - Students have opportunities to use	verbally is the same as one of the functions presented
calculators to solve problems.	analytically). Given some initial conditions, students
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	travellad and approximate displacement, total distance
	hand and with a graphing calculator) and determine
	nand and with a graphing calculator), and determine
	which representations are the same function. Students
	evaluate now each representation was useful for solving
	the problems. [CR2d: connection between analytical
	and verbal [CR3b]
Building Notational Fluency	LO 3.5B - Students are given a variety of growth and decay word problems where the rate of change of the
[CR2e] - The course provides opportunities	dependent variable is proportional to the same variable
for students to build notational fluency.	(e.g., population growth, radioactive decay, continuously
[CR3c] - Students have opportunities to use a	compounded interest, and/or Newton's law of cooling).
graphing calculator to explore and interpret	Students are asked to translate the problem situation into a
calculus concepts.	differential equation using proper notation. Students show
	the steps in solving the differential equation, continuing to
	use proper notation for each step (e.g., when to keep or
	remove absolute value). In a later activity, students will
	vary initial conditions and use their calculators to graph
	the resulting solutions so that students can explore the
	effect of these changes [CR2e] [CR3c]
Communicating	Throughout the course students are required to present
communicating	solutions to homework problems both orally and on the
[CR2fl_The course provides opportunities	board to the rest of the class. On at least one question on
for students to communicate mathematical	each quiz and test students are explicitly instructed to
ideas in words, both orally and in writing.	include clearly written justifications in complete sentences
ideas in words, com orang and in writing.	for their solutions [C P 2f]
Curricular Deguinementa	
Curricular Requirements	
Limits and Continuity	1. Evaluating limits
	a. Limits evaluated from tables
[CR1a] - The course is structured around the	b. Limits evaluated from graphs
enduring understandings within Big Idea 1:	c. Limits evaluated with technology
Limits.	d. Limits evaluated algebraically
	i. Algebraic techniques
	ii. The Squeeze Theorem

	e. Limits that fail to exist
	2. Limits at a point
	a. Properties of limits
	b. Two-sided limits
	c One-sided limits
	3 Continuity
	a Defining continuity in terms of limits
	b Discontinuous functions
	i. Removable discontinuity
	ii. Jump discontinuity
	iii Infinite discontinuity
	a Droportion of continuous functions
	c. Flopernes of continuous functions
	i. The Intermediate value Theorem
	1. The Extreme value Theorem
	4. Limits involving infinity
	a. Asymptotic benavior
	b. End behavior
Differential Calculus	1. Introduction to derivatives
	a. Average rate of change and secant lines
[CR1b] - The course is structured around the	b. Instantaneous rate of change and tangent lines
enduring understandings within Big Idea 2:	c. Defining the derivative as the limit of the
Derivatives.	difference quotient
	d. Approximating rates of change from tables and
	graphs
	2. Relating the graph of a function and its derivative
	3. Differentiability
	a. Relationship between continuity and
	differentiability
	b. When a function fails to have a derivative
	4. Rules for differentiation
	a. Polynomial and rational functions
	b. Trigonometric functions
	c. Exponential and logarithmic functions
	d. Inverse trigonometric functions
	e. Second derivatives
	5. Methods of differentiation
	a. The chain rule
	b. Implicit differentiation
	c. Logarithmic differentiation
	a. 6. Applications of derivatives
	a. Velocity, acceleration, and other rates of change
	b. Related rates
	c. The Mean Value Theorem [CR1b: Mean Value
	Theorem]
	d. Increasing and decreasing functions
	e. Extreme values of functions
	f. Local (relative) extrema
	g. Global (absolute) extrema
	h. Concavity
	i. Modeling and optimization
	j. Linearization

k. Newton's method
1. 1. L'Hospital's Rule
1. Antiderivatives and indefinite integrals
2. Approximating areas
a. The rectangle approximation method
b. Riemann sums
c. The trapezoidal rule
3. Definite integrals and their properties
4. The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
a. The First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
[CR1c: Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
part 1]
b. The Second Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
[CR1c: Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
part 2]
c. The Mean Value Theorem for integrals
d. Average value of a function
5. Methods of integration
a. Algebraic manipulation
b. Integration by substitution
6. Solving differential equations
a. Separation of variables
b. Slope fields
7. Applications
a. Exponential growth and decay
b. Particle motion
c. Area between two curves
d. Volumes
i. Volumes of solids with known cross sections
ii. Volumes of solids of revolution
A TI-84 Plus Graphing Calculator is required of all
students. Use of the calculator by students to solve
problems includes, but is not limited to, plotting and
analyzing the graphs of functions within an arbitrary
viewing window, finding the zeros of functions, finding
the limit of a function at a specific value, and analytically
and numerically calculating both the derivative of a
function and the value of a definite integral. [CR3a]
Another major use of graphing calculators is in labs to
"discover" some of the concepts and principles at work by
experimenting with the various function representations
and approaches to their solutions. Calculator lab topics
include the following:
• Developing an intuitive understanding of limits
• Investigating the Intermediate Value Theorem
• Defining the slope of a function at a point by
zooming in
• Relationship between a function and its derivative
• Linking up with the chain rule
• Exploring exponentials

Newton's method
• Riemann sums and the definite integral
• Average value of a function
Numerical integration

Topics/Content Outline- Units and Themes:

Quarter 1:

- Limits and Continuity
- Differentiation

Quarter 2:

- Applications of Derivatives
- Introduction to Integration

Quarter 3:

- Methods/Applications of Integration
- Slope Fields

Quarter 4:

- More Applications of Integration
- Review for National AP Exam

Primary Resource(s):	
Calculus: AP Edition- Graphical,	Math XL, Pearson Realize
Numerical, Algebraic, 5 th Edition	
Prentice Hall	
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