Mrs. Somerhalder

AP BC Calculus

**How to Help Your Child Succeed in AP Calculus (Please Put on Fridge)**

1. Make sure your child is doing homework regularly. Assignments are given at every class meeting. Check for completeness. 30 minutes of math every day.
2. Encourage your child to read the textbook, make notes as necessary, and study its examples. There are also very good instructional videos online at [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) and [www.houstonact.org](http://www.houstonact.org) in case they are absent or just want to have the material presented again.
3. Help your child to ask questions in class, on Canvas, and in tutorials. “I don’t understand this!” is NOT a question. “Can you help me see where I made a mistake in working problem #3?” is something we can work with.
4. If your child is having difficulty, encourage him or her to come in for tutorials. I am available at lunch (and after school by appointment if needed).
5. Help your child to take a serious approach to forming a study group with other serious students. Pizza can be a powerful lure to entice study-ers to your house. More than four students can become a party instead of a study group.
6. Help your child to organize his or her time and prioritize tasks.
7. **Encourage your child to persevere in spite of challenges. This might be the first course in which your child really has to struggle to master the material**. **Remember that it’s better to learn how to struggle now than when they are off by themselves in college.**
8. Encourage your child to stay involved in academics during the spring semester.
9. Encourage your child to prepare for the AP Calculus Examination. The exam will take place in May.
10. Please contact me right away with any concerns you might have about your child’s performance. My email [lsomerha@aisd.net](mailto:lsomerha@aisd.net)

I work very hard to help all students master the concepts and skills of AP Calculus. Student success will depend on many factors, including previous math knowledge and personal motivation. With all of us working together, we can help to ensure that your child has the best possible learning experience.

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We have read and understand the AP Calculus Course Information Sheet, classroom rules, and the “how to help your child sheet”.

Student Name (printed)

Student Signature Date

Parent Signature Date

Parent email

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Questions/Comments: