

## College Algebra Pre-Semester Course Information

This document is meant to provide initial information regarding textbooks and testing for students who have just registered, or are considering registering, for my Online College Algebra course. This is not intended to be a full syllabus. The official syllabus for the course will always be housed in Blackboard once the course begins.

### **WHAT MAKES THIS CLASS “ONLINE”?**

This is an online course using BlackBoard and MyMathLab to learn the material and take the online homework and quizzes. However, you **MUST** take a midterm and final exam at a proctored testing center. If you will not be in the Central Florida area for the midterm/final, it is your responsibility to locate a local community college/college that will allow you to take it at their testing facility. Details describing how you can get an alternate testing site approved will be in the syllabus. Do know that some schools charge to proctor tests and this charge will be your responsibility.

### **COURSE MATERIAL:**

The textbook for the course is: College Algebra, Sullivan, 10th edition

But you are only required to purchase a MyMathLab access code (“Student Access Kit”) available for purchase at ALL Valencia Campus Bookstores, usually held behind the register counter.

Besides a Valencia Bookstore, a second option is to use a credit card (or PayPal) and purchase the MyMathLab access code when you log in and register for our class in MyMathLab once our course begins.

**FYI: The access code (whether purchased from Valencia or from within MyMathLab) will give you access to an online version of the textbook. Warning: Do not purchase a MyMathLab access code from any other means than listed above.**

### **CALCULATOR POLICY:**

- A graphing calculator is **required** for this course. A Texas Instruments (TI-84, TI-83, TI-83Plus) will be fine for the course. You will be required to use the calculator on homework, quizzes, and tests.