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Dear Future BC Calculus Student,

As is the case for many Advanced Placement courses, there is a “summer packet” to be completed for any student entering AP Calculus BC. You can view, download, and/or print this packet by visiting http://www.mrdeck.net/ap_calc.htm and look in the section labeled “Summer Packet Information”.

The exercises in the packet represent some of the more fundamental concepts needed upon entering BC Calculus. As you work through these problems, you most likely will come across topics that require a little review... you might even find some that you have completely forgotten! This is perfectly okay and actually expected to some degree. When this situation presents itself, however, you should seek help. There are many resources available – websites, textbooks, previous courses’ notes, etc. – that provide a plethora of information to assist you.

This packet is expected to be done by the first full day of school, but please do not attempt to complete every problem in a short period of time. Some students want to “get it out of the way” early and others “cram” the day before school starts, but you will find it more beneficial to spread out your efforts.

There will be no grade associated with this packet – it will not be picked up and scored based on accuracy or completion. It should be noted, however, that students who work through these problems start the fall with a significant advantage over their peers who do not. You will find self-motivation is a major philosophy in this course, and the summer packet is no exception!

Finally, it should be noted the summer packet for BC Calculus is not the same as the one for AB Calculus. Those students should email Mrs. Howes at cyndyh@wcs.edu for more information.

Thank you in advance for your dedicated efforts regarding this packet of exercises. I am truly looking forward to working with you next year. I hope you not only gain a strong foundation in introductory calculus, but also develop a life-long appreciation for mathematics in general. If you have any questions or need additional help during the summer, please do not hesitate to email me at either kevind@wcs.edu or mrdeck@bellsouth.net.

Thanks again, and have a great summer break!

Mr. Deck