

Chemistry Course Expectations

Course Title: Chemistry

Course Number: 01608

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Length: 2 Semesters

Credits: 1

Pre-requisite: Minimum grade of a "C" in Accelerated Algebra 1 **OR** Algebra A and Algebra B

Course Description: Chemistry is the part of physical science that deals with the composition, structure, and properties of substances, and of the transformations that they undergo. The major topics include: measurement, matter, change, energy, chemical names and formulas, chemical quantities, reactions, stoichiometry, atomic structure, periodicity, solutions, acid and base systems, redox reactions, and reaction rates. Students planning on continuing their education in a post-secondary institution should study chemistry.

Course Requirements and Grading

Tests: Tests will be given after each major unit of study. All tests are to be taken on the test date. If you miss the test, you **as the student** are responsible for arranging to make up the missed test. Missed tests are to be made up as soon as possible. There are no retakes on tests.

Quizzes: There will be quizzes quite often in order check for your understanding of the topics we are studying. You will have reading quizzes that will cover the material in the text. You are required to take hand-written notes on the readings, and these notes will be counted as a quiz grade. You will also have application-type quizzes that will be taken without notes. There are no retakes on quizzes.

Daily Work: All daily work is required for the class. Daily work is an important part of the learning process... its main function is for repetition, reinforcement and understanding of the material. It is in your best interest to do all assignments by the due date. Keys for daily work are provided in the classroom as well as online via my school website.

Labs: You are responsible for every lab we do in this class, and must dress properly in order to participate in the lab. If you are absent it is your responsibility to discuss with me when you will be making up the lab. All labs must be made up within 5 school days of the original lab date. All labs will be done with a partner but EACH student will be responsible for his/her own lab write up.

Required Materials:

A 3-ring binder (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch width)
 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch graph paper
12" ruler

Writing utensil (pencil or pen)
Scientific calculator (**Recommend a TI-30X II**)
Suggestion...dividers for your binder

Grading: Each term will be graded approximately as follows:

Tests: 30%

Quizzes: 30%

Labs: 30%

Final Exam: 10%

Grades are calculated on the standard BHS 90-80-70-60 grading scale.

I will update grades as often as I can, and will email updated grades, at least once a week, to the email address given to the school. You may check your grades as often as you would like using Skyward's family access.

Extra Help

If you find yourself falling behind, or having a difficult time understanding the material being covered, please feel free to find a time when you can come in for help. If you are willing to do extra work, so am I!

Cheating

If you cheat (copy someone's work, or allow someone to copy your work), then you will receive no credit for the assignment/quiz/test. It is also considered cheating if you share calculators on a quiz/test. It is also considered cheating if you use any electronic device (for example, cell phone, i-pod, etc.), other than a calculator, on a quiz and/or test.

Claim your Work!

If an assignment/quiz/test is turned in without a name, I do not know which student to give credit to. Therefore, nameless work will be recycled in the recycling can.

Absences

The best way to set yourself up for success is to be in class everyday. If you miss class for any reason, it is **YOUR** responsibility to see me for what you missed the day you return to class. Any missed quizzes/tests must be done before school, after school, at lunch, or during your study hall. You will not be allowed to make up a missed quiz/test during instruction time. If you know, ahead of time, that you will be gone (field trip, family vacation, etc), you must see me before you leave to get the material that you will miss while gone. This work is due upon your return.

*Note: An absence the day before a quiz/test DOES NOT GIVE EXTRA TIME FOR THE QUIZ/TEST!!! If you skip class, you will earn a "0" for assessments that were given during the class that you skipped.

How to Succeed

Attend class daily, always take notes, participate in class, complete every assignment, prepare for tests, quizzes and labs and get extra help when you need it!

***Course Expectations subject to change!!!

Chemistry
Course Expectations/Lab Safety/Respect and Responsibility Signature Page
Ms. Nichols

Please have your parents/guardians read through the Course Expectations, Lab Safety Sheet and the Respect and Responsibility Guidelines, and initial and sign below. I will need your initials and signature as well.

****Students please initial the 1st blank**

****Parents please initial the 2nd blank**

_____ I understand the Course Expectations, as well as the Respect and Responsibility Guidelines, for Chemistry and agree to do my best to follow them.

_____ I have read all the safety rules that pertain to the Chemistry classroom. I also understand that I must dress appropriately in order to participate in the lab area.

_____ I am aware of the location of as well as the proper use of the safety equipment in the Chemistry classroom. I understand that if I have any questions or concerns, I may contact Ms. Nichols at any time.

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Student Name (Please Print): _____

(Student Signature)

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

If you would like me to e-mail grade reports to you, please make sure that the main office (763-0200) has your current e-mail.

If you do not have e-mail and would still like to receive weekly grade reports, please let me know.

