



Roald Amundsen High School – Science Department Chemistry Course Syllabus

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COURSE PURPOSE

Chemistry is the study of matter and energy at the particle level. Everything you use or experience on a regular basis (toothpaste, soap, lighters, hair products, sunlight, air, light bulbs, clothing dye, food, batteries, gasoline, air conditioning, antacid, balloons, stars, etc.) can be studied and understood by applying chemical principles. The goal of this class is to introduce you to some of these basic chemical principles as well as laboratory techniques used to study this interesting and useful scientific domain. When you leave this course, you will have an understanding of both chemistry concepts and the critical thinking skills needed to apply these concepts.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Please follow the classroom expectations described below in order to ensure that the class runs smoothly:

Absences/Late work Policy

- Check google classroom for any missed assignments - discuss with your teacher *before or after class* if you have any questions about the assignments, or ask a classmate - get any missed notes from your elbow partner.
- For each day you are absent, you will have one day to make up any criterion assessments.
- Late classwork will not be accepted after the end of the corresponding unit. Students are expected to make up any associated assignments or classwork and will be accountable for the missed content.

Retakes/Corrections (Corrections are not available for criterion D assessments)

- Corrections may be done on criterion A, B, & C assessments to increase by 1 score band and must be presented to your teacher for credit.
- Corrections for an assessment must be completed within 2 weeks from when the assessment has been graded and returned.
- Students are not eligible for corrections unless they have completed all the relevant classwork for that unit.

Lab Safety

- Safety considerations and the courteous treatment of equipment and peers provide the foundation for expected classroom behavior.

- Students are expected to follow all school rules as stated in the student handbook, the student code of conduct, and the laboratory safety contract.
- For safety and hygiene reasons, food and drinks are not permitted near the lab.

Electronics (Please refer to **AHS Family & Student SY26-27 Handbook** for detailed schoolwide cell phone policy)

- No phones, headphones, speakers, chargers, etc. should be seen at any time, for any reason.
- School-wide cell phone policy will be adhered to, there is absolutely no charging of cell phones in the building at any time.

GRADING POLICY (MYP Criterion grades are adjusted to CPS grades using the following [Score Scheme](#))

Your grade will be comprised of the following components: (For details see the following [assessment rubric](#))

ATL Formative Assessments	Test Assessments Criterion A	Lab & Project Assessments Criterion B/C/D
20%	45%	35%

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Pens/Pencils	Dedicated 3 Subject Notebook
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Parent & Student Class and Lab Safety Agreement

Student Responsibilities:

- When entering the classroom, you must go to your assigned seat, take out your pencil and notebook, and sit quietly waiting for class to start.
- You are expected to keep a well organized notebook. At the top of each page indicate the code (unit.lesson) for that day.
- During instruction you are expected to be silent when the teacher is talking and raise your hand to speak. Failure to do so will result in you being asked to leave the classroom.
- For extended absences, you are expected to make an appointment with your teacher to determine what work requires making up and what work can be excused.
- Assessments must be completed in one sitting.
 - Students may not use the restroom during exams. They must first turn in their test if they would like to use the bathroom.
- Use of outside resources to complete assessments in a closed environment will result in a 0 for that assessment.
- Requests for an extension on an assignment must be done in advance of the due date.
- You are expected to clean up after yourself; this includes but is not limited to: Returning chromebooks to the chrome cart in the correct orientation to charge them, cleaning up any trash in your vicinity, returning your lab station to the condition it was in when you entered the classroom.

- Students may not use the restroom during the first and last 10 minutes of class.

Parent Responsibilities:

- Monitor student grades in Aspen for missing assignments weekly
 - You will not receive updates on this from the teacher, if you would like help setting up aspen notifications, contact the amundsen main office [\(773\) 534-2320](tel:7735342320)
- Reach out to teachers by email if you have any questions regarding your child's behavior or performance.
 - Teachers will attempt to respond within two business days.

Read through the linked lab safety document then type your name in the space provided as a digital signature indicating your agreement to the lab safety protocols and the details outlined in the syllabus.

Lab Safety Agreement:

[-Student Safety Contract](#)

[-Student Safety Contract \(Español\)](#)

Attestation for Flinn Lab Safety Agreement and Syllabus Digital Signatures

I hereby agree that I understand and will abide by the guidelines laid out in the class syllabus and Flinn Lab Safety Agreement above while in Amundsen science classrooms and labs.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

To the students: We hope you learn a lot this year and add another rung to your educational development ladder!

To the parents: Thank you, we look forward to having you as a partner in your child's education this year!