Pieper High School
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Pre AP Chemistry Syllabus 2026 - 2027

1. **Chemistry General Requirements -**
   One credit for successful completion of this course; Prerequisite: Biology and Algebra 1

2. **Course Goals -**
   In Chemistry, students conduct laboratory and field investigations, use scientific methods during investigations, and make informed decisions using critical thinking and scientific problem solving. Students study a variety of topics that include characteristics of matter, use of the Periodic Table, development of atomic theory and chemical bonding, chemical stoichiometry, gas laws, solution chemistry, thermochemistry, and nuclear chemistry. Students will investigate how chemistry is an integral part of our daily lives. (TEA Introduction)

3. **Course Outline -**

Scientific Investigations & Measurement*	Stoichiometry*
Atomic Structure	Thermochemistry*
Periodic Table and Trends	Behavior of Gases*
Electrons*	Solutions*
Chemical Bonding & Formulas	Acids & Bases*
Molecular Geometry*	
Chemical Equations & Reactions*	
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*Mathematical Calculations

4. **Grading -** Grades are calculated using the Comal ISD grading guidelines:
   Daily work/homework/DLC's: 20%
   Quizzes, Labs: 35%
   Major grades, projects: 45%

5. **Late Assignments -**
   All **in class** assignments are due at the beginning of the period. Other than excused or pre-arranged absences, assignments handed in at any other time are considered late.
   Penalties for late work: Max grade of 80 for any assignment turned in 1 day late, max grade of 60 turned in 2 days late. Work that is 3 or more days late WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED (see CISD Grading Policies).

6. **Make-Up Assignments and Tests -**
   Work missed due to an excused or pre-arranged absence must be made up within two days after returning from the absence. It is the responsibility of the student to find out what work was assigned and what information was missed. Labs missed due to absences must be made up with a textbook or alternative activity. Tests missed due to an absence should be taken as soon as possible following an absence. Missed tests will only be given either before school, after school, or during Power Hour. No make-up tests will be given during class time.

7. **Assignment Requirements -**
   All assignments must be complete and on the paper specific to that assignment. Only one copy will be given, do not lose it. All work must be shown on assignments, labs, quizzes, and exams **including calculations.**

8. **Classroom rules and discipline-**
   a. Respect yourself, your classmates, and your teacher. Rude, disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.
   b. Bring **all your own** materials daily. You **MUST** bring your journal to class everyday along with writing utensils.
   c. Electronic use is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**. If a student is found with a phone out during class time, it will be **immediately confiscated** and turned in to the office. Please note Comal ISD cell phone policy consequences.
   d. Discipline: 1st offense- warning, 2nd offense- student conference, 3rd offense- parent contact, 4th offense- discipline referral.
   e. Emails will be sent weekly to inform your parent/guardian on both excellent and unacceptable behavior.
   f. Chromebooks ARE NOT to be used unless Mrs. Sharp has given permission to use them. If a chromebook is seen being used, it will be taken away and returned at the end of class. Daily instructions will be on the Cleartouch every day upon walking into class.

9. **Expectations –**
   a. Students are expected to participate in class on a daily basis, work collaboratively with other students, complete all assignments with attention to quality, and be prepared to learn.
   b. Tardiness will not be tolerated. After entering the room, grab your journal and be prepared to work. **As per district policy, a student that is more than 10 minutes late will be marked absent. The PHS tardy policy will be followed for consequences.**
   c. Follow all campus expectations, including the cell phone/electronics policy.

10. **Supplies-**
    Each student will be required to keep a composition book for notes and assignments. It will be graded REGULARLY. In addition to this composition book, each class will be required to bring in ONE ROLL OF PAPER TOWELS. Other supplies may be requested throughout the year.

11. **Conference Period and Tutoring-**
    a. My conference period is Monday through Friday during 2nd period. Please email me at beverly.sharp@comalisd.org for questions or concerns.
    b. Tutoring will be done during Power Hour or after school by appointment.

Mrs. Sharp's Chemistry Class

Syllabus Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations for Chemistry.

Student name (print) _____

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____