

## Chemistry Expectations & Procedures (2025-2026)

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Ms. Wood's Schedule

Block	1st	3rd	5th	7th	2nd	4th	6th	8th
Class	Planning	Chemistry	Chemistry	1st semester Chemistry	AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science	AP Environmental Science	Planning
				2nd semester Planning				
Room		W-1887	W-1887	W-1887	W-2874	W-2874	W-2874	

**Vision:** Students will gain an understanding of Chemistry concepts and make connections between Chemistry and other content areas and the world. Of course, I hope that all of my students will love applying their problem solving skills to tackle Chemistry problems and will be as fascinated as I am with the patterns and trends of the periodic table that they will want to pursue a degree in Chemistry. However, I am a realist, I know some folks just need this credit so they can move on with their lives. For those students, I hope you improve your problem solving skills and your ability to draw conclusions from data, also that you continue to develop your overall knowledge and curiosity about our world. To all of you, I look forward to getting to know you and to working together with you as a team this year!

**My Expectations:** Come to class ready to be engaged, collaborative, and positive. You will be asked to place your cell phone in the cubby as you enter. You will need to have a folder, a notebook, pen or pencil, calculator and computer daily. Participate and ask lots of questions, practice your skills a little everyday, reflect on your learning, do work that you are proud of and get help early if you feel lost. You will have opportunities to re-take some concept checks. Retakes are only worthwhile if you put in the effort to learn the material that you missed\*. You will not be allowed to retake unit tests. Any work from units that have already been tested will be accepted for 50% credit.

**EXTRA HELP:** Ask for assistance in class or send an email to me @ [lwood@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:lwood@lps.k12.co.us) with your questions. Tribe is a great time to get help or to complete retakes, so sign up early!

**GRADING:** Grades will be assigned using the following weighted categories: Final Exam 15%, Quizzes and Tests 45%, Concept Checks 25%, Classwork/Homework/Labs 15%. Grades will be updated in Infinite Campus in a timely manner. If you ever have a questions about a grade, please contact me @ [lwood@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:lwood@lps.k12.co.us). All graded work must be turned in by the date of the unit test.

\*Note: Concept checks can be retaken for a better grade if appropriate practice work is shown and the students schedules class time or tribe time to do so.

**TOPICS OF STUDY:**

1st Semester  
Unit 1: Fundamentals of Chemistry  
Unit 2: Atomic Structure  
Unit 3: Interactions of Matter  
Unit 4: Stoichiometry

2nd Semester  
Unit 5: States of Matter & Gas Laws  
Unit 6: Solutions  
Unit 7: Thermochemistry  
Unit 8: Types of Chemical Reactions  
Unit 9: Acids & Bases

**Behavioral Expectations for our time together:** It is my hope that being in Science class is something that you look forward to! To make that happen, we all have to work together to create a great learning environment. Being tardy or leaving the classroom during instructional time is a disturbance to our classroom community. You should limit your trips out of our class. If you must leave, you can minimize this disturbance by waiting until there is a natural break in instruction, sign your name and time you leave on the board and then return quietly and promptly. There will be no food or drinks allowed at lab tables during labs. You may have a small snack if necessary during class as long as it doesn't create a disturbance and you clean up after yourself. You are expected to be in your seat when the bell rings and should wait for the teacher to dismiss you. Failure to meet the expectations outlined above negatively impacts both you and your classmates. If you frequently have issues in one or more of these areas (attendance, academics, cell phones, distractions, etc) the following disciplinary actions will be taken:

- Student/ Teacher Conversation
- Parent/ Teacher Conversation
- Detention
- Referral

**Special Considerations for Labs** Labs are a fun and essential part of Chemistry class. I will be giving you more information about lab safety soon. When we have labs, I will be giving you specific instructions about hazards of the particular lab. You are expected to follow **all** safety protocols. The #1 rule is to wear goggles in any lab using glassware, dangerous chemicals, open flames or hot plates. Goggle Cat will be watching! Sanitized goggles will always be available but you may choose to buy yourself a pair of goggles from the Arapahoe store if you prefer.

**What to do if you miss class** Check google classroom! I post all lessons and links to assignments in google classroom. If it isn't posted, email me, I will post ASAP. If you missed a lab, print out the make up version, complete it to the best of your ability and have it ready to turn in or to ask specific questions when you return to school.

**Birthdays and Celebrations** If your birthday falls on a day that we have class together, please tell me at the start of class. We want to celebrate you! If you have big news to share, please tell me that too!

*Respect yourself, your peers, your school and your teachers. BE A PROUD WARRIOR!*

