

Honors Chemistry

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Course Description:

Chemistry is a fascinating and diverse field that affects almost every area of our lives. The clothes we wear, the medicines we take, the food we eat, the fuel we consume, and the materials we use to build our houses are all affected by discoveries made through the study of chemistry. Emphasis will be placed on the development of efficient study skills and sound problem solving techniques. This course will be challenging too many students. Chemistry is a subject that builds on each concept, if you fall behind it will be difficult to catch up. In **Honors Chemistry** you must be a self-motivated learner we will move faster and cover more material. **Please, stay caught up with the material!**

Supplies:

- **\$10.00 lab fee**, paid to the front office
- **A 3-ring binder**. In this binder you will keep your notes, handouts from class, and lab work. We will have one notebook check at the end of the quarter. It is very, very, very important that this binder remains one of your prized possessions throughout the year (and quite possibly your life). **This binder will be your major source of studying for tests, quizzes, and will help with homework. Bring this and a writing utensil daily to class.**
- A scientific calculator will be used throughout the year

Grades: (*Posted every two weeks or after a test on bulletin board*) A failing notice will be sent out two weeks before the end of the quarter.

Grading Scale

A 93%	B+ 87%	C+ 77%	D+ 67%	Below 60% F
A- 90%	B 83%	C 73%	D 63%	
	B- 80%	C- 70%	D- 60%	

- *"It is better to shoot for the stars and miss than to aim for a pile of manure and hit"* Go for the A!!

Grades will be assigned according to the following divisions:

Labs 20%	Assignments 25%
Quizzes 10%	Tests 45%

Assignments/ Labs (an opportunity to gain knowledge) The majority of your assignments will be found in the back of your lab book. Lab reports will be found throughout the lab books. Other types of assignments will include *reading different articles, or sections of the chapter, worksheets, group work activities, or questions from your textbook*. **There will be one major project at the end of each quarter.** Do your own work. **Don't just do the work "to get it done."** Try to learn something as you do the work. *Hall passes will be worth 1 % extra credit at the end of the quarter.*

- To make up a lab you miss you will need to copy the information down from you partner, to get the stamp for the lab you will need to complete the assignment found at the class blog.
- Assignments that are turned in after the assigned due date will lose 10% each day it is late. **Assignments that are turned in after the test will lose an automatic 50%.** If you are absent you are expected to turn in the assignment the next day we have class.
- Students will occasionally correct the work of other students. This practice allows the students to review assignments and consider problem solving that may be different than their own.

PLEASE talk to me or look at the calendar to find out what you missed. It will be your responsibility to get the assignment graded and/or work you missed.

Quizzes and Tests (an opportunity to show knowledge) The test will be given at the end of each

unit.

Bell Quizzes will happen at the beginning of each hour. Quizzes will be given throughout each unit.

Missed work: Tests, Quizzes

- Quizzes that need to be made up or retakes will need to be done on your own time, before or after school. Bell quizzes cannot be made up.
- **You will not be able to retake tests. I will offer one extra credit assignment per quarter worth up to 10 points. That extra credit will be added to your lowest test score.**
- If you are absent the day of the test
 1. **You complete a “ticket”.** The “ticket” will be an assignment of the teacher’s choosing. If you miss the test, the ticket will need to be completed before you will be able to take the test. *School excused absences can take the test before without having to do a ticket if taken after the test is given you will need to do the ticket.*
- **The test will need to be completed within two days after the original test.**

**Reasonable accommodation will be provided to qualified persons with disabilities upon request.

Citizenship

- You will be given 50 points for participation at the beginning of the quarter.
- 5 participation points will be lost for each violation of the expectations. **Participation points cannot be made up!**
- We will be watching certain video clips from PG-13 movies, by signing below you give your student permission to watch. Any questions please contact me.
- 50-45 = H, 44-35 = S, 34-25 = N, 24 and below = U

The following is a list of behaviors that are deemed as participation violations. *(This list is NOT all inclusive)*

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| Tardies | Cell phone or electronic device out (will be confiscated) |
| Disruptive Behavior | Safety violations in the lab |
| Disrespect / Swearing | Late/missing assignments |
| Not participating in class | Constant failure to bring proper supplies |

Cheating on tests, assignments, labs and quizzes will not be tolerated!!

Class Expectation:

You have the right to learn and I have the right to teach. Any object, person or conversation that disrupts the above rule will not be tolerated

1. Be Respectful
2. Work Hard

Please come in if you need help or have questions. I will be available every morning by 7:15am as well as after school on most days. I am looking forward to a great year.

*It is highly recommended that you keep this paper at the front of your binder, so you can reference it if you have questions.

* I reserve the right to make any changes to the disclosure as the year progresses.

Keys to success in Chemistry

1. Be here!
2. Pay attention
3. Ask questions when they arise

4. Do assignments
5. Study for test and quizzes

Please print this last page out and have your parents or guardian sign. Return this page to class the next class. Thank you

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Print Student

Print Parent/Guardian

Attention Parents/ Guardians

As a service to my students I will send them text messages to remind them of upcoming assignments, tests, quizzes and due dates. In order to do this I need your students cell phone number and cell service provider, this is completely volunteer. I can also send them to e-mail accounts, as well as your own phone or e-mail if you would like reminders.

Student cell phone # _____ Provider _____

Parents cell phone # _____ Provider _____

Working e-mail _____

Class Procedures:

As your teacher I pride myself on an efficient and smooth running classroom. To achieve this I have established a few simple procedures. As a student, it is your responsibility to learn and perform these procedures. Through these procedures, I promise to you a more organized and effective learning experience.

Entering the Classroom:

Enter the classroom in a quiet and respectful manner without causing a ruckus, I know it is hard to contain the excitement you have for learning chemistry but please do. Students who do not, enter in such a way will be asked to leave the room and reenter as expected. If you show up late you will be expected to enter in the same fashion. By entering late you forfeit your opportunity to do the bellringer. The bellringer will be graded each day and turned in when the paper is filled

Dismissal of Class:

Don't gather around the door at the end of class like a herd of sheep. This causes problems to happen. If we have time at the end of class and you do not have work to do you may talk quietly while sitting in your seats. The bell does not dismiss the class, I do. Do not pack up until I dismiss the class. In many instances I will use the entire class time. I will dismiss you, not the bell.

Taking notes:

Taking notes is a very good life skill to learn. We will take notes in class almost every day, they will either be on an projector, an overhead or on the board. These will be a valuable source to study from.

Group work:

At many times during the quarter we will be working in groups. This may involve moving your desks to form a group. The class will need to be picked up and put in order, the desks back in nice rows before you are allowed to leave. I will plan ahead and give you plenty of time to do this before the bell rings. Failure to leave the class clean will result in citizenship deductions for the whole class. If all the classes are picked up at the end of the day a reward will be given.

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