

Bonita Vista High School



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Course/Room: Honors Chemistry & Chemistry Rm# 301

Curriculum: CK-12, Multiple Resources

Course Description

Chemistry is a one-year college preparatory science course that fulfills the Physical Science HS graduation requirement and the UC/CSU/College entrance laboratory science requirement. Because Chemistry requires a level of maturity and a disciplined approach to learning, students may need help during the course. This help may take the form of voluntary or mandatory tutoring after school. **Honors Chemistry is a weighted course**

The vocabulary in Chemistry is specific. For this reason, particular attention needs to be paid to vocabulary acquisition. Chemistry is a subject in which concepts scaffold and build on each other. Information taught early in the year is referred to constantly and applied throughout the year. Students should be competent in algebra (passing IM1 w/at least a C). Honors Chemistry is an accelerated course, personal self-management is necessary for success.

Laboratory work in which students follow proper safety procedures and manipulate equipment correctly is a necessary component in the Chemistry experience. Students need to pass a Lab Safety Test and complete a Lab Safety Contract signed by the parents/guardians prior to the first laboratory assignment.

Late Work Guidelines:

No late assignments are accepted after the due date unless otherwise absent from class (not in seat). If you are absent, you are absent, it does not matter the reason you will still be able to turn in work only from the day(s) you are absent.

You will have within the month the work was assigned to turn in any absent work or complete tests/quizzes. You the student will be responsible for knowing the details of the assignment, when it is due, and submitting the assignment. If there is work to be submitted, the student must physically/manually/electronically display the work to the teacher. Assignments will be closed for submission after the due date.

Independent Study Guidelines

Students who arrange for independent study contracts through the attendance office will be expected to submit missed assignments upon return and will have the same number of days that they have missed to submit missed assignments and assessments. This deadline will be established at the discretion of the teacher. Students will be expected to complete in-class assessments under the same conditions as other students in the course. Students will complete missed assessments upon return when possible. If additional time is needed, the additional time will be at the discretion of the teacher and may consider the length of time missed by the student.

Materials Needed:

- Pencils (no pens)
- Notebook Paper
- All students are required to bring school issued laptops or personal laptops **CHARGED EVERYDAY** to class.
- Uncharged devices may result in a reduction of your citizenship grade.
- **HONORS CHEMISTRY: The Molecular Nature of Matter and Change**. Students are financially responsible for materials checked out from the library. Please contact the library for questions regarding replacement policy.

Grading Criteria Guidelines

Grades will be based on the total points earned for a variety of assessments, including: essays, individual and group presentations, class activities, homework, quizzes and tests, including the mid-term and final exam. Letter grades will be assigned at the end of the semester, based on a percentage scale. **GRADES WILL BE UPDATED AT THE TEACHER'S DISCRETION AS A COURTESY TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS.**

CHEMISTRY	WT. %	HONORS CHEMISTRY	WT. %
Test / Performance Task	40%	Test / Performance Task	40%
Quizzes	30%	Quizzes	30%
Projects (Labs, Activities, etc)	10%	Projects (Labs, Activities, etc)	10%
Classwork / Homework	10%	Classwork / Homework	10%
Final Exam	10%	Final Exam	10%

Citizenship Grade Guidelines:

A citizenship grade is a formative assessment that includes all the work that leads to mastering a standard; it is detailed in the school-wide citizenship rubric. The rubric will be used, **BUT NOT LIMITED TO** assessment for citizenship grades. Citizenship grades and additional criteria (classroom expectations) are at the teachers discretion. **Tardy Policy: If you are not in your assigned seat when the final instruction bell rings you are considered late.**

Rubric	A	B	C	D	F
Focus	On task at all times	On task most of the time	On task more of the time than off	Off task more often than not	Continually off task
Preparation	Prepared for class all of the time	Prepared for class most of the time	Prepared for class more often than not	Unprepared for class	Always unprepared for class
Cooperation	Works well with peers and teacher all of the time	Works well with peers and teacher most of the time	Respectful of teacher and peers	Disrespectful at times	Disrespectful of peers and teacher more often than not
Actions & Behaviors	No negative behaviors	No negative behaviors	Very few disruptive behaviors	Frequent disruptive behaviors	Disrupts class regularly
Participation	Actively participates in class daily	Actively participates in class almost daily	Participates more than not	Little or no participation in class	No participation in class
Accountability & Responsibility	Enhances the class by his or her presence	Sets a good behavior example in class	Responds when corrected	Questions authority	Continually questions authority

Bathroom Guidelines:

- Only (1) person out at a time for bathroom breaks.
- **SCHOOL RULE:** No bathroom passes during the first and last (15) minutes of any class.
- Students should not ask to go to the bathroom while the teacher is giving instructions, at the start of an assignment or during lab activities.
- As a guideline, students must complete a portion of their work (at teachers discretion) for at least 30 minutes prior to leaving.

General Expectations & Guidelines

- No eating in class. **ALL DRINKS MUST BE IN A TIGHTLY SEALED CONTAINER!!** If your container drops, it must not spill.
- All electronics (excluding laptops) are prohibited in class unless stated by the teacher. **THERE IS A STRICT NO CELLPHONE POLICY DURING WORK SESSIONS. CELLPHONES ARE ONLY PERMITTED DURING BREAK SESSIONS OR BY PERMISSION FROM THE TEACHER.** Devices will be confiscated and returned to the student at the teacher's discretion.
- All students must remain in their assigned seats/groups/lab tables while working and until the bell rings at the end of class.
- **RAISE YOUR HAND TO GET THE TEACHER'S ATTENTION. DO NOT APPROACH TEACHER'S DESK.**
- **DO NOT GO BEHIND OR TOUCH ANYTHING ON THE TEACHER'S DESKS.**
- Additions or changes to the guidelines are subject to change at the teacher's discretion. The instructor's decision is always the final decision in all matters.

Acknowledgement of Class Syllabus

It is important for you to understand that completion of **all** assignments and **everyday attendance** significantly impacts your grade. When it becomes evident that you are in danger of failing the course due to incomplete/ missing assignments or absences, I shall call your parent/guardian or send the parent/guardian a written report. Additionally, it is expected that students behave appropriately and with respect at all times. **GOOD LUCK AND DO YOUR BEST!**

This syllabus is a contract among the teacher, student, and parent/guardian. Please make sure you have gone over it. If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an e-mail.

WE have read and understood **Mr. Rice's** classroom and course policies. WE will honor these policies to the best of OUR abilities. Should any concerns arise, WE understand that WE may request for a parent-teacher conference to resolve the issue/problem.

Student Name (Print): _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (Print): _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____