



# Chemistry

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Chemistry is a lecture-laboratory oriented course designed to allow students to acquire science knowledge that includes information about the science of matter, especially its chemical reactions, but also its composition, structure and properties

### Course Objectives/Topics

1. Alchemy: Matter, Atomic Structure, and Bonding
2. Smells: Molecular Structure and Properties
3. Weather: Phase Changes and Behavior of Gasses
4. Toxins: Stoichiometry, Solution Chemistry, Acids and Bases
5. Fire: Energy, Thermodynamics, and Oxidation/Reduction

### Class Expectations

1. Class participants are expected to be to class on time with required materials
2. Everyone is expected to be genuinely involved in classroom activities
3. Everyone is expected to treat each other and themselves with respect
4. Students will receive 3 bathroom passes per 9 weeks to be used for emergencies.
5. Everyone is expected to adhere to the rules and guidelines set forth in the Student Handbook

### Required Materials

1. Lab supplies needed (12 pack pencils, 3 rolls of paper towels, and 1 box of facial tissues)
2. Pencil (preferred) or pen (blue or black ink only)
3. Binder (2 inch) with notebook paper

## Binder

Each student is expected to maintain a 2 inch binder with all class work. Each binder will include the following resources:

1. Syllabus
2. Periodic table
3. Copy of Safety Contract
4. Notes
5. Quizzes
6. Labs
7. Daily work
8. Handouts

\*\*\* Binders will be graded at random\*\*\*\*

!!! YOU WILL BE ALLOWED TO USE BINDERS ON some EXAMS AND QUIZZES !!!

## Grading Policy

1. Minor Grades - (quizzes, non write-up labs, homework.) 40%
2. Major Grades - (Tests, reports, lab write-ups and website checks) 60%

## Labs

- **No labs** will be performed by any student who has not returned a signed Lab Safety Contract.
- **NO HORSEPLAY IN LAB** – Students will be asked to excuse themselves from the lab and will receive a zero for the activity and will receive a referral based in severity of infraction.
- Closed-toed shoes must be worn when performing laboratory experiments.
- Students will be expected to follow all of the guidelines of **Lab Safety**.

**These rules are strictly enforced.** Chemistry labs are unlike any other lab in high school.

For more information: **District Code of Conduct**

## Homework

Homework is rarely given but in the event it is, it is expected to be done on time and will not be accepted late.

## Absent/Make-ups

It is the **student's** responsibility to get make-up work from the teacher. Students will have one day for every day they were absent from class to make-up assignments. Make-up assignments, especially tests, may be given in a different format than the original assignment. Make-ups will be conducted by appointment on the date and time

determined by the student and teacher. If a student is absent for a quiz or test, and does not show up for the make up session on the agreed upon appointment day, he/she will receive a **ZERO** on that assignment! You will only have until the completion of the next unit to make up a test. If a student is given an assignment and is absent on the date that it is due, the assignment is due the day he/she returns to school.

### **Retakes**

Students who fail an assignment must come in for a reteach piece before taking the retake. The retake is for a maximum of 70.

## **Technology and Cell Phone Policies**

### **Unacceptable Uses of iPads in the classroom:**

1. Using iPad to play games at any time
2. Using iPad for social media not related to classwork

### **Discipline regarding unacceptable use of iPads in the classroom:**

1. Verbal Warning
2. Phone call home to parents
3. Referral to grade level principal for discipline

### **Cell Phone Policy**

All ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders were given an opportunity to obtain a district iPad to satisfy their technology needs, therefore, cell phones are NEVER acceptable for personal use such as: text messaging, checking of Twitter/Snapchat/etc., phone calls or any other reason.

**Unauthorized cell phone use will result in a grade level principal referral.**

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the rules and policies for Chemistry.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature:

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Parent or Guardian Signature:

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### **Parents Contact Information**

How can I best contact you during the day?

Can I e-mail you with general Chemistry Class information?

No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_

My e-mail address is:

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