

AP CHEMISTRY CLASSROOM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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OBJECTIVE

The student will utilize problem-solving skills, scientific and mathematical modeling and laboratory investigations to develop an understanding of the nature of the atoms, elements, and compounds and how they interact. Students will be required to demonstrate a high level of competency in laboratory procedures and techniques. The class is designed to prepare all students to take the AP Chemistry exam in May.

EXPECTATIONS

Each student will be held to a standard of conduct while in class. The following expectations are to be met by all students in the class.

- When the bell rings and class starts, **BE IN YOUR SEAT!!** Any work missed due to an unexcused tardy will not be made up. A zero will be given for the assignment or assessment.
- Have your materials that you will use in class with you. This means that you will have your book and calculator with you **EVERY DAY!!!**
- **NO FOOD OR DRINK IN CLASS!!** This is a school rule. Water bottles will be allowed in class. No water bottles will be allowed in the lab area.
- Please raise your hand for permission to speak during class discussions. This will reduce the amount of confusion in class.
- Any work missed due to illness or school activities is the student's responsibility.
- Treat fellow students with respect.
- Know the school rules and follow them. All school rules regarding attendance will be followed.

Failure to meet the above expectations will result in a warning. If the behavior persists, actions will be taken to address the problem.

GRADES

Your grade will be based on homework, labs, and assessments (tests and quizzes). Every graded piece of material will be used to configure your overall grade. The grades will be weighted as follows:

Assessments	- 60%
Labs	- 30%
Homework	- 10%

Grades will be based upon the following scale:

A= 89.5% - 100%
B= 79.5% - 89.4%
C= 69.5% - 79.4%
D= 59.5% - 69.4%
F= 59.4% - 0%

ASSIGNMENTS AND LABS

Written assignments and labs will be turned in on time. Any assignment or lab turned in late will be docked 20%. Assignments or labs over one week late will not be accepted and will be given a zero. If you are absent, you will have two days for every day you missed to turn in an assignment. It is your responsibility to find out what you missed and make it up.

EXTRA CREDIT will be given periodically to the class as a whole. Extra credit is not given out on an individual basis, so take advantage of the opportunities when they are presented to the class.

TESTS AND QUIZZES

If you have an excused absence on the day of a test or quiz, you have two days for every day that you missed to make it up.

If you have an unexcused absence on the day of a test or a quiz, you will be given 50% of the points earned for the missed assessment. (District Policy)

MATERIALS

Notebook and folder or three ring binder

Pen and pencil

Textbook (**Chemistry: The Central Science 11th Edition**)

Scientific Calculator

*A TI-83/84 Plus Scientific Calculator is preferred. Graphing exercises will be performed routinely with calculators during the class.

OFFICE HOURS

Please see me for any questions or concerns that you may have outside of class. Please look at my web page on the Heritage High School website for my schedule.