

College Prep Chemistry Syllabus

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This is an introductory course in chemistry. Acceptable performance in this course will prepare you to succeed in an introductory college chemistry course. You will become familiar with experimental techniques as well as chemical concepts. You will also discover that math is an important tool in chemistry and you will be expected to use it routinely to solve problems. A scientific calculator is strongly recommended as it can be used on tests, quizzes, laboratory work, and homework.

Each student will check out a text. *Chemistry*, © 2007 Pearson Prentice Hall.

Grading will be based on quizzes and tests, class participation and homework, lab safety and technique, lab reports/lab notebook, course notebook, semester projects, behavior, and a final exam.

GRADING SCALE

90%- UP = A 80%- 89% = B 70%- 79% = C 60%- 69% = D 0%- 59% = F

Absences: Attendance is essential to the learning process. You cannot expect to succeed if you do not participate in the daily activities of the classroom. This is a fast moving course. Labs generally cannot be made up. Some of the lab material will be on the exams. If you know you will be absent on an exam day, give me advance notice and you may be able to take the exam prior to your absence. **ALL MAKE-UP EXAMS WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE DIFFICULT THAN REGULARLY SCHEDULED EXAMS AS STUDENTS HAVE MORE TIME TO STUDY FOR MAKE-UP EXAMS.**

Assignments will be graded based on accuracy, completeness, scientific thought, logic, critical thinking, and neatness. LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED in order to facilitate consistency in grading. There will be adequate notification of due dates for work so there is no need to consider late assignments. If you don't know how to do the assignment, get tutoring or see me as soon as possible.

Additionally, assignments must meet the following requirements:

- Student name, date, and period must be clearly written on the upper right hand corner of the paper.
- Assignment number, chapter, and problems must be written on the upper left hand corner.
- Homework will be done on standard notebook paper in blue or black ink or dark pencil.
- All graphs must be done on graph paper in pencil. No pens! (Illegible work will not be graded.)

Composition books shall be kept by all students. You are required to keep all your work for the year so that you can refer to it for quizzes, tests, projects, etc.

Scientific Calculators will be needed by most students in order to solve most chemistry problems routinely used in this course.

Cheating will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Cheating will result in a failing grade for that project and a parent/teacher conference during my conference period. If you wish to avoid having your parent or guardian come to school for a conference, please do not cheat and always do your best work. Cell phones must not be taken out or used during class for any reason and must remain turned off while in the classroom.

Extra help is available. Although I may not always be available to help you after school, you are invited to take advantage of our after school tutoring program.

There may be times when we video tape classroom activities and students for educational purposes. Your signature on the accompanying checklist gives your permission to video tape/photograph your child in these activities. If wish to have your child excluded from these activities, please contact me.