

A Student's Guide to Chemistry 2016-2017

Clear Expectations & Practical Advice

Attendance

- ♦ Attendance is mandatory if your grade drops below a 74% (there are parental exceptions to this) and/or it shows you have missing work on Parent Portal.
- ♦ It is your responsibility to check Parent Portal before class to know your grade and missing work status. You may be assigned detention if you are marked absent when you should be in the classroom.
- ♦ If you have earned the freedom to not be in the classroom, it is in your best interest to stay in the building and work in a designated area (making it easy to come and go when you have questions). Devote sufficient time in your schedule (minimum of 60 minutes daily) to Chemistry curriculum.

Absences

During all absences, it is strongly recommended that you still log on to Blackboard Learn for a list of tasks that were completed the day of your absence.

School related absences do not receive extra time to complete assignments. All tasks are available to you early so work ahead if know you will be absent.

It is your responsibility to set make-up time if necessary for labs or tests during lunch, study hall or after school.

If a due date/time cannot be met, you must arrange an extension with your teacher prior to the due date/time.

Necessary Materials

- ♦ Reliable computer and internet connection
- ♦ Jump drive/memory stick
- ♦ Scientific calculator
- ♦ Headphones/Earbuds

Optional Materials

- ♦ Binder for note taking guides, reference materials, etc.
- ♦ Mouse for computer use.
- ♦ Cell phones (smart devices) are allowed for school related work only with prior permission.

Curriculum

Curriculum includes (but not limited to) measurement, atomic structure, periodic table trends, nuclear chemistry, bonds, chemical reactions, stoichiometry, thermochemistry, solutions, acids and bases, equilibrium, and kinetics.

Text Book

Chemistry by Glencoe; 2005 edition.

Students may also access text book resources on line with at:

http://www.glencoe.com/ose/showbook.php?access_code=EFA9217ED9

Online text book resources only work with Internet Explorer. A link to the text book can be found on my website or in Blackboard Learn.

Curriculum Tasks

Video Lessons will be used to deliver content. It is in your best interest to print a copy of the note taking guide, listen to the video, take notes and complete the follow-up practices.

Post Assessments must be passed with an 80% or completion of the note taking guide is no longer optional.

Practices should be completed until mastery is attained. These scores are not included in your grade. Practices are no longer optional when a passing is not met on a quiz or test.

Lab Reports will be scored according to a rubric. You may make corrections on Lab Reports up until the due date/time.

Concept Quizzes must be passed with a 65% to move on to the next concept. You may reference your printed notes. Completing all practices before the quiz is essential.

Unit Tests will open up once all required tasks are completed. Completing all practices before the test is essential. Unit Tests must be passed with a 65% to move on to the next unit.

Evaluation

All homework assignments and labs are due according to the day/time posted on Blackboard Learn. Half credit will be recorded for late assignments.

If a due date cannot be met you must arrange an extension with your teacher prior to the due date/time.

Grading Scale

A+ = 98 - 100%
A = 95 - 97%
A- = 92 - 94%
B+ = 89 - 91%
B = 86 - 88%
B- = 83 - 85%
C+ = 80 - 82%
C = 77 - 79%
C- = 74 - 76%
D+ = 71 - 73%
D = 68 - 70%
D- = 65 - 67%

Grades are posted daily on Infinite Campus (Parent Portal) not Blackboard Learn.

Check your grade routinely and notice if you have any missing scores. If you have a missing score, it is highly likely that you have missing work. Missing work requires your immediate attention.

Extra Credit

Few extra credit opportunities are available throughout the semester.

Cheating

There is zero tolerance for cheating. This includes (but not limited to) false representation of a piece of work, copying from another student or website, discussing quiz or test answers. You will earn a zero with no make-up.

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Individualized Help

Your assigned period is reserved for helping Chemistry students.

3rd Period & 5th Period Preps
in my room or office;

Lunch B by appointment.

After school *most days* until 4:00.