

Welcome to Chemistry!

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Course Overview

What do you think Chemistry is? My hope is that by the end of the year you will figure out that chemistry is more than fire and bubbles – although there will be some of that. You will stretch your mind as we navigate through atoms, molecules, reactions, gas laws, thermodynamics, solutions, acid/bases, and more!



Materials and Supplies

- Pearson Chemistry eText
LINK to Student Resources Page - <https://sites.google.com/a/dist113.org/studenttech/?pli=1>
- Chemistry Workbook and Lab Manual (sold in a binder at the booksale)
- Chromebook with Headphones/earbuds
- 3-ring Class binder with 11 Dividers, write-on tabs
- Paper or a notebook for class notes
- 100 page Carbonless Copy Lab Notebook
- Pencils with erasers and dark blue or black ink pens
- COLORFUL PENS ARE OPTIONAL!! Helps with notes
- Calculator (whatever you use for math class is fine)

Class Guidelines

Your grade is based on the following categories –Tests and Quizzes (~60%), Labs (~30%), and Homework (~10%). Only semester grades are rounded up 0.5 and above. At the beginning of each quarter, it takes a few weeks to get things going, but after that, grades are updated regularly as assignments and tests are graded (usually every week to two weeks).

Your grade for this class should reflect your achievement and mastery of the learning targets. Student achievement is assessed through summative assessments in the form of tests and/or lab reports. Therefore, your grade will be comprised mostly of summative assessments that test your mastery of the Chemistry learning targets. You will be given multiple learning opportunities in the form of homework, in-class work, and labs to help you achieve and meet the targets for each unit. Starting this year, grades will be posted at [LMS.dist113.org \(Schoology\)](https://lms.dist113.org/Schoology).

Extra help is available in the ARC (link to ARC <http://www.dist113.org/domain/91>) from science teachers most periods of the day. You may also make an appointment with me at this link <https://goo.gl/abg24V>. In all cases, it is my sincere intention to return all messages within 24 hours.

Homework: Consists of problems out of the workbook or reading assignments. Problems assigned out of the workbook will be graded all or nothing, late workbook homework will be accepted with penalty. Reading assignments will be assessed in the form of HW reading quizzes.

Labs: You are required to keep a carbonless-copy lab notebook. You will receive a separate sheet on lab notebook guidelines. There will be a lab notebook quiz at the end of the every quarter. *If you miss a lab*, it is your responsibility to make it up by making an appointment with me at this link <https://goo.gl/abg24V>. You will be held accountable for all labs on the lab notebook quiz. In general, you must make up the missed lab within two days of your return.

Absences: UNA absences result in one teacher-student conversation; assigned detentions for all further UNA.

Tardy Behavior –If you are late 2 times, per semester, I will write a behavior referral and a detention will be assigned by the Deans.

Participation Expectations: Be Prompt, Be Prepared, Stay Engaged, Stay Safe

Digital Citizenship for a Chemistry Student

I will ...

- **BE PREPARED**- bring a charged Chromebook daily so that you are ready to use it when asked (and appropriate) to do so.
- **BE PRESENT**- use of electronic devices when permitted by the teacher and ONLY for purposes required by this class. It will BENEFIT you to stay on task!
- **BE SAFE**- take precautions and use common sense when online. It is your device and your digital fingerprint!
- **BE HONEST**- keep online communication POSITIVE. Think, "Would I say this directly to this person?"
- **BE MINDFUL**- think before you type. When you post something to the internet it is out there
- **BE RESPECTFUL** – value relationships with your peers; don't use the device to replace valuable face to face conversations. You're not rude so don't let the device to change that!
- **UNPLUG** – 1-2 hours before bedtime to let your brain recharge!!

