

Honors 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 (Wilbraham, et al)
- Honors Chemistry Workbook (sold at book sale)
- 5 Dividers
- Notebook for class notes
- Carbon Copy Lab Notebook
- Pencils with erasers and dark blue or black ink pens
- Calculator (TiNSpire)

Classroom Expectations – Courage, Purpose, Gratitude, Passion, Respect, Kindness

– The Warrior Way in Chemistry

- Come to class prepared by bringing your notebook with blank paper, your *charged school-issued* chromebook, your chem binder, your lab notebook, writing utensils, completed assignments, and a calculator.
- Once you are in the classroom, I ask that you follow a few basic rules:
 - Place your phone and smart watch in the assigned pocket in the “cell phone keeper”
 - Get your materials out at the start of class, turn in any due assignments, and be ready to learn.
 - Always be courteous to, supportive of, and respectful to each other.
 - Maintain an atmosphere that promotes study and learning.
 - Please don't eat in the classroom. Drinks are permissible if they are in closeable containers (no cans) and kept at your desk. No food or drink in the lab area.
 - Participate and ask questions.
 - Share ideas with each other. You would be surprised how much you can learn by teaching someone else.
 - Your work must be your own. **DO NOT COPY.** This includes lab reports and homework as well as tests and quizzes. All those involved in a copying incident will receive a zero for the assignment. When you work together share ideas not words.
- Check your school email and Schoology daily because I communicate to you or the class through email and Schoology.



Attendance

In order to succeed in Chemistry, it is important to attend class regularly and be on time!

- If you must miss class, **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE** for getting notes on the missed materials and retrieving missed handouts. To figure out what you missed, check Schoology updates and calendar, ask a friend, or email Mrs.
- If a student has 3 tardies per semester, a behavioral referral will be given and a detention will be served.

Grading Procedures

Your grade is based on **tests, lab assignments, and daily homework**. Your current grade in Schoology will always be your in-progress semester grade without the final. When the semester is completed, I round semester grades 0.5 and above.

- **Your grade for this class should reflect your 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.
- **Quizzes & Tests:** Quizzes (not including reading quizzes) might be given once or twice a unit and will be worth about 20 – 25 pts. Each unit will end with a unit test that will be worth 100 points.
- **Daily homework** (not including labs) will be worth 1 point – all or nothing. Late homework will not be accepted. There is no partial credit for daily homework. Problems assigned from Chemistry workbook will be checked in and reviewed every day. For reading assignments, I usually give a reading quiz on which you can use your notes from the reading. If you are absent, homework needs to be shown the day you come back.
- **Labs:** You are required to keep a carbon-copy lab notebook that will follow lab notebook guidelines handed out in class. There will be a lab notebook quiz at the end of every quarter.
 - *If you miss a lab*, it is your responsibility to make it up by making an appointment with me. You will be held accountable for all labs on the lab notebook quiz unless you have been in discussion with me.
 - In general, you must make up the missed lab within two days of your return in most cases.
 - Lab assignments will typically be worth 5-20 points. Formal Lab reports will typically be worth 20-25 points. Instructions for informal and formal lab reports will be discussed in class as needed.

Late Assignments

If you do not complete an assignment on time, you have the opportunity to use one of your **late assignment coupons**. These coupons are to be attached to the late assignment when you turn it in to me. If a coupon is attached, there are no questions asked. Late assignments without coupons will not be accepted and thus receive a grade of zero. *If an assignment has already been graded and returned to the class, the assignment may no longer be turned in for any credit.* If you have coupons left at the end of the semester and you have no missing assignments, you can turn them in for 1 point each of extra credit. New coupons will be handed out at the start of second semester. Use them wisely.

Extra help

If you find that you need extra help outside of class, visit the ARC for science teacher or tutor and/or make an appointment with me. I am usually available before school and during out off lab hours and some lunch periods on most days.