

CHEMISTRY I

Description:

This is a study of the basic concepts of chemistry designed to prepare the student for college chemistry, as well as to build a firm foundation for life in a science-oriented society. Included are the structure of atoms, chemical bonding, periodic relationships and chemical calculations. A thorough understanding of algebra is essential as there is a large amount of math involved, this is actually a prerequisite to the course.

Expectations:

Everyone in this classroom has the right to learn, no one can take that right away from anyone else. Therefore, when you come in to my classroom you are expected to take your seat and follow all rules set forth by the school and by me. I expect you to respect me, all equipment in my room, as well as all students in this class. If you choose not to respect me as your teacher and follow the rules you will no longer be in my classroom. I also expect you to follow instructions and turn in all homework assignments on time. During lab work, I expect you to behave in a safe and conscientious manner.

Grading Information:

I follow the grade scale policy that is set forth by administration; you can find this in your handbook or the school's website. A student may know their grade at any time, as I regularly update the online grade program. They may also ask and I can print out a copy of their grade at a convenient time. Any student earning a D or below at midterm will be required to get a parent signature on the report and return it to me.

My grades are weighted according to the following:

1. Quizzes and Labs: 30%
2. Tests: 40%
3. Daily Work: 20%

Daily work will be graded as follows:

- 1 point if **ALL** problems have been attempted
 - 1 point if you have **shown all work**
 - 1 point if you have completed most problems correctly
 - 1 point if you have **fully corrected** all mistakes in red ink
4. Character and Participation: 10%

Class Policies:

The class will consist of lecture, practicum as needed, and at least one lab per unit. Assignments and tests are always posted with due dates on the board in my room and also on my website. Therefore, late assignments will not be given full credit and tests and labs must be made up within three days of the absence, as per school policy. After one week, the late assignment may still be handed in for correcting but will receive a

score of zero. Copying another student's work is cheating and will be treated severely, according to the student handbook. This includes penalties up to failure of the quarter and loss of sports playing time.

I do not allow extra credit work. If a student keeps up with the daily assignments and labs, and tries their best, they should have no need for extra work.

All detentions given by me will be served in my room that day or the next day. If it is not made up by then, the detention doubles and will be turned in to Mr. Uppena as a discipline referral.

I am available 2nd and 3rd hours, and after school for extra help or make-up work during first semester. Second semester I will be available 2nd and 5th hours, or after school. I will be in the middle school, room 137, 8th hour all year.

Throughout the year I will be in my room every Monday night for extra help as needed.

Materials Needed (Bring these DAILY!):

- Textbook
- Notebook-Will be checked periodically
- Lab Notebook
- Scientific Calculator
- Pencil or Pen
- Red pen for grading

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Email: _____