**College Prep Chemistry with Lab Classroom Rules and Expectations**

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**\*\* Welcome to Chemistry! I look forward to a great year of learning. Here is everything you need to know\*\***

**Course Objective:**

It is important to study chemistry because chemistry is fundamental to the understanding of other sciences. Chemistry overlaps with all other sciences- physics, biology, astronomy, geology, environmental science as well as other sciences. Through lecture, lab investigations, written and verbal activities and projects, you will be learning the following in chemistry: atoms, Periodic Table, kinetic theory, chemical reactions, energy, nuclear chemistry and sustainability in chemistry.

**Materials:**

* Pen/pencil
* 3 subject notebook OR 3 ring binder with dividers (Do Now, practice problems and homework, labs)
* folders
* Scientific calculator (if you have a graphing one for math, that is fine as well)
* Some crafts supplies (don’t need to bring to class)
* Internet Access with a working printer (Google Classroom will be implemented frequently in class)

**Grading:**

Each marking period is worth 20% of your final grade. According to board policy:

A+ = 98-100 B- = 80-81 F = <65

A = 92-97 C+ = 76-79 I = Incomplete

A- = 90-91 C = 72-75 M = medical

B+ = 86-89 C- = 70-71

B = 82-85 D = 65-69

* You will also have a midterm within the first two weeks in February, and a final exam at the end of the year, which will count 10% each. NO STUDENT IS EXEMPT FROM MY MIDTERM. However, if you obtain a 90 average an above all four marking periods and pass my midterm, you will be exempt from my final.

Each marking period grade will be calculated in a fraction (points earned divided by total points). Here is how the points will be broken down per assignment.

Tests: 100 points

Labs (participation, lab safety and formal lab write-ups): 150 points

Quizzes (will drop one out of every 4 quizzes): 50 points

Projects (at least one a marking period): 200 points

Homework/Classwork: 20-60 points (point value will be on the worksheet and Genesis)

Class Participation: 10 points a day

* All tests and due dates of assignments will be announced both in class and on Google Classroom
* Not all quizzes will be announced. However, all pop quizzes will be in form of open notes
* All tests, announced quizzes, and lab write-ups are eligible for a retake. They must be done within a week after the graded assignments physically or electronically returned to you, and the final grade will be the average of the two scores
* Class participation is graded based not only on participation, but being prompt, prepared and respectful during class.
* Late work due to negligence will be accepted with penalty for one week. Beyond the week, it will not be accepted. Extenuating circumstances will be discussed out of class time
* All work will be submitted hard copy or Google Classroom only.
* When I am absent, the assignment that is left for you in class will be counted as mystery points from 20-100 points. Do not blow off sub work, even if you were absent as well.

**Class Rules:**

The following are the rules and procedures that I expect you to follow at all times. Failure to do so will result in deductions on class participation. If these violations continue, disciplinary actions will be taken in accordance with the School Code of Conduct.

1. Disrespect of any shape or form will NOT be tolerated. This includes, but not limited to: bullying, cursing, defacing property, calling out, and horseplay.
2. All school rules will apply in my class.
3. Arrive to class on time. If you are late, have a pass with you.
4. Upon arrival, find your seat, have out your materials, write the Do Now on the board, and be ready to learn. Phones, iPods or other forms of technology need to be put away, unless given permission by me.
5. You are to remain seated until the bell rings. No one is to be standing at the door!!
6. You are allowed to have bottled water with you in class. No food, unless given permission by me.
7. You are granted two non-nurse passes per week. (Bathroom, office, etc.) I will not write passes to shop nor another class without the teacher’s approval. I will also not write a pass to the locker either. If you abuse my passes, it will result in write-up and revoked pass privileges.
8. THE LAB SAFETY CONTRACT TRUMPS ANY CLASS RULES WHEN WE ARE DOING LAB. You will abide by the lab safety contract, which will be handed to you within the first two weeks of class. Failure to follow the contract will result in write-ups and possible removal from future labs.

**Attendance and Absent Procedures:**

All rules regarding attendance, tardy and cuts will be followed as per School Code of Conduct.

1. If you are absent from class, get the work from either my webpage, google classroom or the folder in back of the classroom before seeing me (On Genesis, it will be marked as a “0” for the class participation and any missing assignments. DO NOT BE ALARMED. It is so you know to make up work)
2. Only homework/classwork assignments will be able to be made up within two weeks of coming back. Class notes will be on the webpage, and you will be responsible for the notes for future exams.
3. Please see Lab days section to understand what to do when you are absent on lab days.
4. If you are absent the day of a test or quiz, you will be taking the exam the day you return. If you are absent before or the day of the review and return the day of the exam, you will be expected to take the exam with the class. Extenuating circumstances will be discussed out of class \*\*If you cut on the day of test/quiz, you will receive a zero. No make-ups. \*\*
5. Because I allow you to submit work on google classroom, lab write-ups and projects, the assignment is due the day of regardless of absence since they are assigned well in advanced.

**Lab Days**

One day a week, you will have me 7th period as well as the period you normally have me.

Period 5: Wednesdays

Period 6: Mondays

Period 8: Tuesdays

1. In most cases, the lab will take place in the second half the double period days. Failure to show up on either periods will result in a cut and a zero for a lab grade. (Period 8, if you fail to show up 7th period Tuesday, you will sit out 8th period if a lab is taken place to make up Period 7).
2. You will be required to complete a lab write-up at home after your lab in class. The lab write-ups are due one week from the day we complete the lab.
3. If you are absent the day of the lab, you either have to make up the lab at home (half of the time you can) OR complete the alternative assignment that is found on school webpage. The alternative assignment is due the same time as your class’s lab write-up due date.
4. Violation of lab safety contract, especially during lab, will automatically result in -50 points in your lab grade, and a write-up.

**Extra Help:**

I want you to try your best and succeed in my class every way possible. If you are struggling with the material being taught or need to catch up on being absent, you can visit me before Homeroom (730-845). (Check the door if I am not in my classroom, I will tell you where I am).

If homeroom is a bad time for you, please e-mail me at [kuftal@mcvts.net](mailto:kuftal@mcvts.net). I try my best to e-mail back daily to schedule a time where we can meet for help.

**Please have this portion of the syllabus signed by both you and your parent/guardian by** *Thursday September 16th* **for 60 points. Failure to do so will result in ten point deductions per day late.**

\*\*I have read and understand the Chemistry Classroom Rules and Procedures.

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