

Welcome to Chemistry A

Class Syllabus

Keep this in your binder!

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Classroom Environment

Classroom Rules:

My goal is for you to have a great chemistry experience and learn a lot. To that end, I expect that you will treat me, your classmates, and yourself respectfully. This classroom is a place for all students to have the opportunity to learn. Any attitude or behavior that shows disrespect towards any member of the class will not be tolerated. My list of classroom rules is simple and easy to remember:

1. Be respectful of yourself and others.
2. Come to class ready to learn.
3. Always do your best.
4. Think safety first.

Food: No food or drinks are allowed inside the classroom. We use this room for labs, and food use is not appropriate.

Electronic Devices:

Cell phones and other electronic devices can be incredibly useful tools. However, they can also be a great source of distraction. Because of this cell phones **are not permitted to be out during class** unless their use has been previously approved by me for educational purposes

Materials: All students are expected to come prepared for class each and every day. Generally you will need to bring the following items to class:

- **Pencil** (suggested) or a **Pen** with blue or black ink.
- **Textbook:** Chemistry: Matter and Change 2005
<http://www.glencoe.com/ose/index.html> PASSWORD=E9B4476D6C (*Use this password to access an online version of the book!*)
- **Scientific Calculator** (you do not need a graphing calculator)
- **Chemistry Binder** which contains the following:
 - This syllabus
 - All classwork, homework, and returned assignments, in date order.
 - Notes Section -- Loose-leaf paper for taking notes, in date order of when the notes were taken
 - Your binder is very important. It will keep you organized and help insure your overall success. Students are required to keep this binder up-to-date with ALL work done in class.

Attendance:

- It is expected that students attend class every day. If a student is absent he/she will have one day to make up the assignment for each day of absence. It is your responsibility to find out what was missed during class. Additional copies of handouts/worksheets will be available. There is no excuse for not knowing what we did in class or not getting copies of the materials. It is a good idea to swap phone numbers with other students in the class so you can find out what you missed if you are out.
- **On being tardy:** Any student that arrives after the bell rings is tardy. Please keep in mind that a tardy is defined as entering the classroom after the bell has rung but before the first 10 minutes of class have elapsed. If a student is more than 10 minutes late they will be marked absent.

Bathroom passes: Students are expected to use the restroom during their 8-min passing time.

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General Information

Academic Integrity:

DO YOUR OWN WORK! It is by actively engaging with the ideas and concepts that we are trying to learn that makes learning possible. If you don't do your own work, you are only harming yourself. **Cheating will result in a ZERO on the assignment and further steps may be taken.** The assistant principal will be notified.

Homework:

- Daily homework may be graded for correctness or completeness and effort, depending on the assignment. Homework is expected to be complete at the beginning of the class on the day it is due or it is considered **late**.
- If you are absent when an assignment is due you must turn in the work (with the word **ABSENT** and the **DATE OF ABSENCE** written at the top of the assignment) on the day you return.
- Homework will be handed back the same day it is due so that we can go over it. When we go over homework in class corrections need to be made in a different color than the original work. **Hold on to all homework assignments** for each chapter as they will be **recollected** the day of a test or quiz to be entered into the gradebook.
- I do accept late work. However, late work will be marked down 20%.

Lab Work:

- When working in the lab, **safety is the most important thing**. You will be expected to **wear goggles at all times when in the lab** unless instructed otherwise by the teacher. You will be expected to follow all lab procedures and instructions. **Any student not following lab rules or otherwise putting his/her own safety or the safety of others at risk will be removed from the lab and given a zero. This includes taking your goggles off while you are still in the lab area.**
- Lab safety will be taught early in the Trimester and will be assessed with a quiz. No one will be allowed to participate in labs until they have earned at least a B on the Safety Quiz.
- If you break a lab rule more than once you will not be able to participate in another lab during the trimester unless you call a conference with a parent.
- Closed-toe shoes are required for all labs due to safety concerns. If a student does not have them on lab day he/she will not be allowed to do the lab and the procedure for Make-up labs given above will be followed.
- **Make-Up Labs:** DO NOT MISS LABS. They are very important for your understanding of Chemistry. If you miss a lab you will be expected to make it up outside of class time or complete an alternative assignment (for example, this could be a 500 word essay). You must contact the teacher the day you return for instructions

SEAHOLM SCIENCE DEPARTMENT LABORATORY REPORT STATEMENT Issued 11/01/04

When completing laboratory reports, the entire laboratory report must be completed in your own words and you must perform your own calculations. The data will be the same as your partner(s), but it is your responsibility to create your own data chart and to write all parts of the laboratory report independently. If laboratory reports are copied or are too similar to your partner's, a zero for the laboratory will be given to all parties involved and Honor Code/Academic misconduct will be filed for all parties involved. This will hold true for all science classes unless an individual teacher for a specified laboratory indicates that a certain part or parts of a laboratory may be shared.

Quizzes and Tests:

- Tests will be announced in advance. If you are absent the day of a quiz or test you must see me on the day you return to arrange a time to take it (in the testing center, during X-block, or after school). You must take the quiz or test within 1 week of returning to school or you will receive a 0 on it. Make up tests may be an alternate form of the one taken by the class.
- Students earning less than 70% on a test may be given the opportunity to take a retake or do test corrections to improve their grade. This will be at the discretion of the teacher for any particular test. Any corrections or retakes will need to be done outside of class time and needs to be scheduled with the teacher in advance. No tests will be allowed to be taken out of the classroom.
- Quizzes will generally be announced ahead of time but "pop" quizzes may be given as well.

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Grading Weights for Marking Period Grade:

- Tests and quizzes 60%
- Homework , classwork, labs 40%

Grading Scale for Marking Period Grade: I will be using the grading scale below to calculate your grade:

<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>				
100 - 93 %	A	82-80%	B-	69 - 67%	D+
92-90%	A-	79-77%	C+	66 - 63%	D
89 -87%	B+	76 - 73%	C	62 - 60%	D-
86 - 83%	B	72 - 70%	C-	59% or less	E

Your final trimester grade will be determined by the following:

- Trimester Grade: 80%
- Final Exam: 20%

Extra Help: I want you to be successful in this class and am here to help. If you need extra help outside of class do not hesitate to contact me. I am available during Tuesday X-block and will be available after school to provide extra help Monday - Thursday from 2:50 – 3:15. If for some reason these times do not work for you please email me or see me before or after class and I will work with you to find a time that does work. Email is generally the quickest way to get in contact with me.

I look forward to a great Trimester of chemistry!

Mr. Hoover

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