

Guidelines and Ground Rules

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Welcome to Chemistry class! In this class I hope to foster your curiosity and love of learning, help you discover chemistry in your everyday life, and help you be an informed and responsible citizen.

Supplies Needed:

- Notebook for class & reading notes
- Lab notebook
- Scientific calculator
- 3-ring binder with 12 dividers

Participation: I expect that you will take an active part in the daily lessons. Ask questions, answer questions, make statements and observations, and show your interest in the world around you. Students are expected to spend significant time studying outside of the classroom, working collaboratively in small groups, and performing laboratory work.

Safety: Chemistry is an experimental science, and you will be working in a laboratory setting with potentially dangerous reagents and equipment. You need always to be aware of your surroundings, and the actions you are taking. Safety is our number one concern. You must comply with all safety matters, or you will be dismissed from the laboratory with a zero. Note also that you and your parent or guardian must read and sign a safety contract before you will be allowed to work in the laboratory.

Work: You will be expected to complete all homework assignments as well as in-class assignments on time. There will be a penalty for late work. Assignments will be posted on www.mcchesneychemistry.weebly.com

Missed Work: Tests and quizzes are to be made up during the first available *Monday or Thursday J block*. Labs can only be made up during designated blocks.

Grading: Your term grade is based upon the following:

1. Classroom participation and preparation
 - having homework done completely and on time
 - keeping an organized, neat, and useful chemistry notebook
 - completing all in-class assignments
2. Lab Work
 - lab preparation (printing out assigned labs, doing pre-activity, lab quizzes)
 - lab performance (following instructions, data & calculations, post-activity)
 - brief lab reports
 - maintenance of lab area and equipment (breakage fees apply)
3. Tests and Quizzes

Year Grades: Your year grade is a weighted average of your term grades and the AP exam grade. Terms 1,2,3 will each count between 20-23% and term 4 will count between 12-20%. The AP exam grade counts as 20%.

Student Signature _____ Parent/Guardian Signature _____
Student Printed Name _____ Date _____