

## Guidelines and Ground Rules

### Ms. McChesney – Honors Chemistry - 820

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**J blocks:** Mon. & Thurs.

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**Teacher website:** [www.mcchesneychemistry.weebly.com](http://www.mcchesneychemistry.weebly.com)

**Science website:** [www.nshs-science.org](http://www.nshs-science.org)

**Textbook website:** <http://www.whfreeman.com/acsgenchem>

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:

- Bound composition book\* (for reading notes & class notes)
  - Lab notebook \* (for pre-activity questions and data)
  - Tri-fold poster board \* (for term 3 project)
  - Non-programmable scientific calculator (only this type allowed for tests and quizzes)
  - Binder or folder (for worksheets, print outs from the website, & other loose papers)
- \*The 3 items on the left may be purchased at school as part of a chemistry package for \$18. Checks may be made payable to the NSHS Science Team.*

**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 work collaboratively in small groups and perform 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](http://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 J 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 journal
  - completing all in-class assignments
  - term project
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:** Each term counts 20% and the final exam counts 20% of the year grade.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_