

Advanced Placement Chemistry Cover Sheet

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About the Course

This is a college level course taught in high school so it is very demanding, both in time and effort required. Remember, this is not an advanced high school course - it is a college course. Be prepared for homework from each class period, and studying for tests, quizzes, and exams. Those students heavily involved in after school activities, athletics, other AP classes, and/or jobs will have to budget time very carefully!

Materials

It is required that you purchase the following textbook for this course: *Zumdahl & Zumdahl's 7th Edition Chemistry* (ISBN 978-0618528448), either in textbook or digital form. Make sure you bring your chemistry textbook, note-taking materials, and a scientific calculator (which must be able to perform scientific notation and logarithms, including natural log) to class EVERYDAY. I suggest a 3-ring binder with dividers to separate notes from returned papers, and a pouch to store calculator, ruler, etc. Save ALL of your lab write-ups because you may be able to earn college lab credit by showing these to your future professor.

Tests and Exams

Tests and exams will simulate the conditions of the AP Exam given in May. Tests will be *cumulative* – anything from the beginning of the year and onward is fair game for any test! Make sure to study appropriately! You will be pressed for time and may have to choose to skip certain problems in order to finish the problems you know you can solve. You will be seated every other seat, and you will remain in these seats until everyone has completed the test. Your desk must be cleared and all materials put on the floor. No calculator cases are allowed. Cell phones and iPods need to be put away – if these are looked at any time during a test, it will be considered cheating and you will be awarded with a zero as your grade.

AP Chemistry Exam in May

The exam offered by the AP College Board each May is optional. Your success on this exam correlates with your grade in class *and* with the amount of quality study time you put in the **four weeks before the exam**. There will be a mandatory in-class test in May which is cumulative for the entire year. Keep this in mind as we progress through the year. Don't discard any work!

Grades

Grades are based on a straight 90-80-70% scale. The following approximate percentages are where your points arise from:

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| tests and exams | 50% |
| lab reports | 25% |
| assignments and quizzes | 25% |

AP Chemistry as a Weighted Course

LHS functions on a four-point grade point average scale. However, all AP courses provide a weighted scale as follows:

$$A=5 \quad B=4 \quad C=3 \quad D=1 \quad F=0$$

(note that a grade of "D" or "F" is NOT weighted)

Late Assignments are NOT accepted with the exception of one late assignment per semester. All assignments must be turned in at the beginning of the class period in which they are due otherwise the assignment(s) will be considered late and will not be accepted. If you are absent (excused), homework will be expected on the day you return to school **unless** it was assigned in your absence. You are allowed one make-up day for each day you are absent and **excused**. Additionally, if you arrived tardy unexcused, you will receive a zero on all work collected in your absence.

Extra Credit is NOT available.

Cheating and copying is disgraceful and humiliating, and you will receive a ZERO on the test/quiz/lab/assignment you are working on. Please realize that storing text in your calculator is definitely cheating and will be treated as such. Also, your parents will be informed so you can have a nice series of lectures on dishonesty from them for the next few months....

Attendance

The school attendance policy will be followed for all absences, excused and unexcused. (YOU AND YOUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS MUST KNOW IT!) You will be responsible for obtaining missed assignments and completing them in the time allotted. If you do not make them up in that time frame, you will **earn** a zero. *IF YOU ARE TARDY OR HAVE AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE, YOU WILL NOT BE GIVEN POINTS FOR ANY ASSIGNMENTS MISSED!!!* A tardy is defined by NOT being in the room when the bell rings.

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- ✦ The attendance office will NOT excuse an absence if you leave LHS before your parent/guardian calls in your absence.
- ✦ The attendance office will NOT excuse your absence more than 48 hours after your absence, even with a parent note/call.
- ✦ Be sure to familiarize yourself with the attendance policies at the following web address:
<http://www.thompsonschoools.org/Domain/1398>

I will dismiss the class once the bell rings when the room is clean and everyone is seated. The bell does not dismiss you. It is merely a reminder that I need to wrap things up in a hurry.

Athletic Eligibility Policy

Those students in extracurricular athletics need to be familiar with the LHS athletic eligibility policy.

Lab Partnerships

Lab partnerships correlate with the seating chart - you are expected to look after each other while working together. Make sure to collect an extra handout and record assignments for your partner if they are gone for the day. **Always introduce yourself and write down your partner's phone number as soon as you pair up.**

Special Tips

Be organized and prepared for each class, take good notes, do not get behind, and always immediately ask for help if you are confused!