

Ruben S. Ayala High School - Science Department CLASS
EXPECTATIONS READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN!!!

HONORS CHEMISTRY / CHEMISTRY CP

Miss Stevens, Instructor

1. Necessities: You will need a scientific calculator, (the Casio FX-260 Fraction calculator will be supplied during class time), access to the internet, a printer, access to graph paper and a spiral notebook (70-100 pages for chemistry ONLY). Assignments and grade updates will be on-line on Ayala's website.

A. TEXTBOOK. You must read each chapter. You are responsible for all material assigned.

B. NOTEBOOKS. You are expected to maintain a **spiral** notebook in this class. It will contain **dated** notes in chronological order. The spiral may be collected and **graded** at the end of each semester. Keep all graded work at home in a 3-ring notebook.

C. ATTENDANCE. You are expected to attend class every day. Absences must be excused within three days or they will be considered truants. Unexcused absences (not truants or suspensions) including personal business, and vacation will be treated as follows; you may make up homework and tests (different version), but you will not be able to make up opening assignment or quizzes. See Lab Info. on *Schoolwires* for details concerning lab report make ups. You may come in after school for specific help, but lectures will **not** be repeated. In some cases, you may choose to consult or hire a tutor to catch up with the work. Truants and suspensions result in immediate reduction in points, any missed class work will not be accepted and will result in a zero, 1 or more truancies = "U" in citizenship.

2. GRADING: Grades will be posted on the school website. They will be updated every 2 weeks. It is your responsibility to check your grade and bring any discrepancies to my attention immediately!!

A. HOW ASSIGNED. Grades are determined on a total point basis using a straight percentage to determine the final grade. Points are earned for the following activities: TESTS: 45-50% of sem. grade. HOMEWORK and CLASS ASSIGN/WORKSHEETS: 10-15% of sem. grade. FLOWCHARTS/LABS: 20% of sem. grade. DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS/FINAL EXAM: 15% of sem. grade. SPIRAL/QUIZZES/OPENING ASSIGNMENTS, PROJECT: 5-10% of sem. grade.

B. TESTS. 100-point tests are given at the end of each section. See classroom rules for details concerning make-ups.

C. HOMEWORK. Formal homework will usually consist of problems found throughout each chapter. Homework will be due on the day of the test. Late homework will not be accepted, unless accompanied by an *oops pass* or *homework pass*, see class Renaissance poster for details. Homework answers must be **highlighted** using the appropriate pen. No highlight no credit. Failure to do homework could lower your grade 1 - 2 letter grades. **Worksheets will be assigned during class-time. You may be allowed to take them home and complete them. Worksheets must be completed on time. We may grade them in class, you must be prepared or you will earn a 0 on the assignment.

D. LAB WORK. 65 points per report. All lab reports are to be typed. A hard copy is due in class one week following the completion of the lab in class. A copy of the lab **must be submitted to Turnitin.com.** by 11:59 PM the day before the hardcopy is due. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** You are responsible for **every other** lab report. Reports that are not normally your responsibility may be turned in for **make up or extra credit** (1 extra credit lab is permitted per semester). See lab format and lab sample report for more details concerning the lab write-up. Failure to do lab assignments could lower class grade 1 - 2 letter grades.

E. OPENING ASSIGNMENT/QUIZZES, GROUPS, WORKSHEETS

The first 10 minutes of class may start with an opening assignment or quiz. **As soon as the tardy bell rings** each student will be expected to start the opening assignment. Some of these assignments will be graded and awarded points accordingly. When breaking into study groups you will earn/lose points based on the behavior and success of your group. These opening assignments/quizzes and group activities will determine at least 10% of your grade. Talking or another disturbance during this time will result in a zero for that day. No make-up will be available. Students who are excused from class will be exempted. Students that are tardy will earn a zero for that day. Worksheets: are due as assigned. Late worksheets will not be accepted as we may grade them in class. Late work would give you an unfair advantage over the other students who turned their work in on time and learned from the class process.

F. DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS AND FINAL. The District has mandated that all students will take their final assessment. No exceptions.

G SCALE. A = 90- 100%, B = 80- 89%, C = 70- 79%, D = 60- 69%

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Are you ready?! Chemistry is demanding and challenging, but above all it is an interesting hands-on course.

A. Placement: I assume that you have satisfied the proper prerequisites to be successful in chemistry. If not, you are misplaced and should see your counselor as soon as possible for a transfer to the appropriate level course.

B. Extra Help: I am usually available after school for help. However, in case I have a meeting or appointment, please check with me first.

C. Chemistry Club: Chem Club, affiliated with the American Chemical Society, meets on the third Thursday of the month from 2:30 - ? Come join us for experiments and chemistry fun!

D. Tutoring: Peer tutoring is available by current and former chemistry students and Chem Club members. If you have an aptitude for chemistry come by and see me. You could tutor too. Community Service credit is available as well as an academic cord at graduation.

RUBEN S. AYALA HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
CHEMISTRY CLASSROOM RULES

PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN.

REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS!!

I WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY ACTIVITY THAT WILL INTERFERE WITH THE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES OF OTHERS.

1. I expect that you will be in your assigned seat, quiet, and ready to work when the tardy bell rings. **THE TARDY POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED.** In addition, your **citizenship** grade will be affected as follows, 4 tardies in a semester = "N", 6 or more in a semester = "U". **2. NO** talking while I, or one of your classmates has the floor.
3. Lab Experiments are serious, the potential for bodily harm is real; therefore, I expect you to be prepared for each lab (with flow chart), stay at your lab stations the entire period, wear your safety goggles, and behave in a mature manner.
4. If you are absent and it is excused, it is **your** responsibility to contact me for make-up work **IMMEDIATELY.** Failure to make-up missed work in a timely manner will result in a zero for the missed work. **NO EXCEPTIONS – DON'T ASK! Make up tests are taken as soon as you return from school after an absence, unless special arrangements are made IN ADVANCE. You will be responsible for the missed material. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
5. Take **Responsibility for your actions.** No **food, drink** or **gum** in the classroom. Be respectful of other people's property & physical being and the classroom furniture and equipment. Broken lab-ware is your responsibility.
6. **Cheating will not be tolerated.** Parents or guardians will be notified, a zero will be earned on the test or assignment and your citizenship and work habits grade will be adversely affected. Lab reports must be completed in your own words and style. Any lab reports that look copied from another student will be treated accordingly. **There is to be NO collaboration with other students!** The Academic Honesty statement must be completed and signed before any lab or test is submitted for grading. All formal lab report must be submitted to Turn-It-In.com. Failure to do so will result in **NO CREDIT** earned for the lab, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
7. Please observe the classroom policy concerning restroom passes.
8. **Active students:** I want to support all activities that you are involved in; however, if your current grade is not at least 70%, your activities advisor/coach/teacher and your parents must be notified.
9. The dress code will be enforced.
10. **Electronic devices are to be shut off or placed in "airplane" mode BEFORE entering class. Place cell phones facedown on your desktop. All backpacks and purses are to be placed as directed upon entry into the classroom. Be sure to take out your spiral or flowchart, writing instrument and calculator before sitting down. Students who do not follow this policy will have their citizenship grade lowered and their property removed and sent to the office. ***PARENTS,** it is imperative that

classroom instruction time not be interrupted. Should you need to reach your child during class time, you may phone the school office.

- 11. Cursing or offensive language is not allowed in or near the classroom.
- 12. Renaissance Award Cards; I will accept homework passes and oops passes. A *Homework* pass allows you to skip that assignment (excused grade). Homework passes do not apply to labs. An *Oops* pass allows you to turn in any assignment (except flowcharts) one day late. An *Oops* pass may also be used as a restroom pass. See posted class policy for more uses.
- 13. **Special Note to Parents**; your student must possess the appropriate maturity level for this course as defined by the physical science department. Any horseplay during a laboratory experiment or disrupting of the learning process will result in removal from the course. **Student safety and learning environment are paramount above all else.** Please note your student does NOT have to take chemistry to graduate or go to a Cal. State University or many small private universities and colleges. **Earth Science satisfies the CSU admissions requirement as a lab science.**
- 14. For class information see my webpage on *Schoolwires* <http://cvusd.schoolwires.net/Page/2340>

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(DETACH, SIGN, AND RETURN THIS PART)

Class Period _____

I _____ have read the above Class Rules for Miss Stevens' Chemistry class and understand them.
(Print Student Name)

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent's Home or Work Phone # _____

Parent's Cell Phone # _____