

MED Honors Chemistry Course Syllabus 2018-19

Grades will be determined by the following **five components**:

1. Notebook, Projects, & Lessons

- Assignments should be neat and organized in your Interactive Science Notebook; this includes classwork, homework, labs, notes, and other class materials.
- Notebooks will be graded periodically.
- Projects will be ongoing throughout each term.
- Lessons will be posted on the Google Classroom website and should be completed in a timely manner, working ahead is good but falling behind is bad. In addition, when turning in assignments, you must attach a screenshot/picture of completed work (including time stamp).
- *worth 20% of overall grade*

2. Lab Safety & Participation

- Pre-lab **must be prepped before** the class period in which it will be completed. Incomplete Pre-labs will require the student to: (1) complete the pre-lab in class & make up the lab at a later time, (2) complete a 2-3 page (double-spaced, size 12, Times New Roman font) report about the lab topic to be due within 1 week, **OR** (3) complete an alternative assignment
- All safety practices and procedures followed during the lab.
- Each lab member is on task during the lab.
- Failure to honor safety rules may result in the dismissal from all future labs.
- *worth 5% of overall grade* (approximately 10 total labs)

3. Lab Reports

- A full lab report is due **the day after** the completion of the lab
- Lab report must be submitted via Google Docs/Drive through the respective Google Classroom assignment.
- If a student has an excused absence the day of the lab, they have no more than 1 week to make it up.
- *worth 20% of overall grade*

4. Assessments

- Concept quizzes will be administered on a regular basis.
- Mastery of a concept will be demonstrated on quizzes; once the concept has been mastered twice (a score of 4 on 2 separate quizzes) the student is no longer required to complete questions related to that concept on any quiz
- each concept is worth 5 points when fully mastered
- Quizzes may be taken as many times as needed to earn full credit (same concepts, but different questions) within a two week period
- Failing a quiz automatically calls for the student to attend tutorial, complete a quiz analysis assignment, and then retake the quiz.
- Grade intervention reports will be ran after every quiz to determine if home notification is necessary regarding course progress
- *Worth 45% of overall grade*

5. Final Exam

- final exam will be given at the end of each term and is cumulative
- *worth 10% of overall grade*

Classroom Rules

1. Be on-time, on-task, and prepared to learn EVERYDAY.
2. Keep all personal electronics PUT AWAY. They will be taken and turned in to the office if they are out in class **without permission** (this is your warning).
3. BE RESPONSIBLE for your own learning. **Keep all graded work.**
4. RESPECT the teacher, the classroom, other students, and yourself.
5. CLEAN UP after yourself and your peers.
6. Follow ALL lab and safety directions.

Grade Scale

	-		+	level
A	87 - 90%	91 - 95%	96 - 100%	advanced
B	76 - 79%	80 - 83%	84 - 86%	proficient
C	66-68%	69 - 72%	73-75%	basic
D	56 - 58%	59 - 62%	63 - 65%	
F		0 - 55%		

Discipline Contract

- It is the desire of the Dinuba High School faculty and administration that every student has the opportunity to learn and develop academically, as well as socially. Consequently, I do not tolerate negative, disruptive behavior. If a student chooses to behave inappropriately, he/she will be asked to sign a discipline contract. If a student continues to behave inappropriately, I will implement the consequences dictated in the Assertive Discipline Contract.

Absence Policy

- Due to the material covered during the semester long course, **regular attendance is crucial** in mastering the subject content. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain the material missed during an absence. All students will be expected to maintain a current table of contents in their journal that will be used to determine the work that should be completed.
- If the student has an excused absence, he/she may make up the work. Any work that was assigned before the absence is due the day he/she returns. The student will be given 1 day for each day missed to make-up work that was assigned while he/she was absent. Should the student miss 3 or more consecutive days, the student needs to see the teacher to work out a schedule.

Late Work Policy

- Late work will be accepted for half credit within 2 days of the due date.

Technology Use Policy

- This course will be conducted through a blended experience of online and face to face interactions. The students will be provided with Chromebooks while in class. Should they need access to the internet outside of class there are computers available in the library and career center before and after school.
- Students are expected to behave in accordance with the Acceptable Use Policy that was signed during registration. The teacher reserves the right to remove a student's access to technology while in the classroom as necessary.

**This syllabus is subject to change.*

I, _____, have read and understand the rules and expectations for (circle one) Honors Chemistry / MED Honors Chemistry. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to contact my teacher if I have any questions or concerns. I know that this syllabus, assignments, calendars, and resources are available to me on the Google Classroom website for my class period at any time. I know that printer/computer/flash drive issues are not an excuse for late assignments.

Student Print Name: _____ Period: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____