

Textbook: *Chemistry: Matter and Change* (Glencoe)

Topics of Study, Trimester A

- Matter (Ch. 3)
 - Unit Test
 - The Structure of the Atom (Ch. 4)
 - Electrons in Atoms (Ch. 5)
 - Periodic Table and Periodic Law (Ch. 6)
 - Unit Test
 - Ionic Compounds and Metals (Ch. 7)
 - Covalent Bonding (Ch. 8)
 - Unit Test
 - Mixtures and Solutions (Ch. 14)
 - Unit Test
 - Analyzing Data (Ch. 2)
- **Trimester A Content Final**

Class Materials:

- Chemistry Textbook
- Writing utensil (preferably a pencil)
- 3-ring binder (1.5 – 2 inch) for your daily work
- Notebook (or loose-leaf paper in your binder)
- **Scientific calculator (this is a MUST!)**

Grading Scale

A	92.5 – 100%	B-	79.5 – 82.4%	D+	66.5 – 69.4%
A-	89.5 – 92.4%	C+	76.5 – 79.4%	D	62.5 – 66.4%
B+	86.5 – 89.4%	C	72.5 – 76.4%	D-	60.0 – 62.4%
B	82.5 – 86.4%	C-	69.5 – 72.4%	F	Below 60.0%

Weights of Grades

Laboratory work (15%) Homework (5%)
Skills/Unit Tests (70%) Comprehensive District Final Exam (10%)

Classroom Expectations

- Students are expected to be **on-time** and **prepared** for class.
- Students are expected to **participate** in classroom activities and discussions.
- Students are expected to show **respect** for themselves, each other, Mrs. McNamara, the classroom, and lab materials.

Lab Expectations

- Lab safety is the first priority. The general rule: students who do *anything* Mrs. McNamara perceives as unsafe will be removed from the lab immediately. If this should occur, the student will earn NO CREDIT for the lab.
- Students are expected to speak in a quiet voice during lab and clean their lab table when finished.

Make-Up Work

- It is the student's responsibility to obtain the notes/assignments that he or she missed during the absence.
- Labs, quizzes, and tests can be made up before or after school, or during advisement. Schedule a time with Mrs. McNamara to make up these items *within one week* of your absence to receive full credit.

Late Work/Missing Assignments

- All unit assignments are due for full credit on the day of the unit test.
- Assignments turned in after the test date will **only be worth half credit**.
- Assignments from the previous unit **will NOT be accepted** if turned in after the following unit test.

Test Corrections

- Test corrections can be made to any unit test before the next unit test has been taken **IF**:
 - the test review was completely finished with quality work and turned in before the test was taken
 - all unit skills tests have been passed
- Each question corrected with explanation/work shown will be worth **1/3 points**.

Skills Tests

- Skills tests ensure that students have mastered an important skill in chemistry. In order to receive credit, students must score at least 85% or the grade will remain a zero in the grade book.
- Students get three attempts on all skills tests. If all three tries are needed, students will receive whatever their score is on the final attempt.

Extra Credit

- Extra credit opportunities are rare throughout the trimester and should not be counted on as a way to improve your grade in this course.

Electronic Devices

- Focus in class should be on chemistry: cell phones need to be put away and quiet. ***Mrs. McNamara will take your cell phone if the cell phone policy is violated – no exceptions.*** Repeat offenders will be referred to the House Offices.

Moodle

- Mrs. McNamara's Moodle site contains useful information for both students and parents. See our current unit agenda and find notes, video tutorials, etc.
 - ❖ <https://moodle.anoka.k12.mn.us>
 - Click on CPHS → Click on Science → Click on Chemistry I McNamara
 - You may sign in as a guest if you forget your school username and password

Getting Help

Mrs. McNamara is generally available before or after school on most days. Just ask!

Academic Dishonesty

- *Academic dishonesty is any activity that involves a student attempting to receive a grade by any other means than honest effort.* Students are reminded that cheating will not be tolerated. Students involved in academic dishonesty **will receive a zero** on that particular assignment/lab/quiz/test and his or her parents will be notified. The following are some (but not all) examples of academic dishonesty:
 - ❖ A student completing, in part or in whole, any examination or assignment for another student.
 - ❖ A student allowing another student to complete, in part or in whole, any examination or assignment.
 - ❖ A student plagiarizing (see definition in student handbook) from any source including the internet, or copying the work of another person, and submitting the work for evaluation as his or her own.
 - ❖ *A student using unauthorized aids in completing and submitting an assignment or exam, i.e. a cell phone or other portable electronics, downloaded programs on a calculator, etc.*
 - ❖ A student altering a graded exam or assignment without proper authorization to do so and then submitting the assignment for re-grading.

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