

Regents Chemistry

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Goals of the Course:

- You will learn to **apply** the facts, formulas, and principles that comprise the Regents Chemistry curriculum in solving problems;
- You will increase your **understanding** of the facts, formulas and principles with practice, simulations and laboratory experiments;
- You will **develop** your critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, not only to use in this course but everyday life as well.

Classroom Decorum

- Please raise your hand if you have a question.
- Food and gum chewing are not permitted anywhere in the classroom. Beverages are permitted but only at your desk.
- Cell phones that ring, are used to text or call will be confiscated.
- A cell phone does not replace a calculator. You must bring a calculator to class every day.
- Bathroom privileges – You must leave your cell phone in the “cell phone basket” before leaving the room. You can pick up your cell phone when you return.
- Tardiness – Please be seated by the time the bell rings. Coming late to class without a pass three times in one quarter may result in detention.

Textbook

Davis, R., & Holt, R. (2006). *Modern chemistry*. Orlando: Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

How your quarterly grade will be determined

Tests

Tests are given at the end of each major topic. Tests will always be announced. If you miss a test you must take a make-up test. The make-up test must be taken within the first two days that you return to school. Missed tests due to an unexcused absence (i.e.: cutting class) will result in a zero.

Quizzes

Quizzes can be announced or unannounced. If you miss a quiz you must take a make-up quiz. The make-up quiz must be taken within the first two days that you return to school. Missed quizzes due to an unexcused absence (i.e.: cutting class) will result in a zero.

Homework

Homework is important! Some homework will be collected and graded while other homework will be checked in class. Make sure you always complete your homework. Late homework is **not** accepted and will count as a grade of zero.

Laboratory Work and Reports

The NYS Education Department requires that a student taking the Regents Chemistry exam must complete a minimum of 1200 minutes of laboratory experience. If a student does not have 1200 minutes of laboratory experience they cannot take the Regents exam. The Regents exam counts as a fifth quarter grade.

Students will receive an (I) for progress reports and quarter grades if labs are incomplete for a quarter.

Laboratory Requirements

1. An individual lab report must be written for each lab.
2. You **MUST** make up missed labs promptly. The make-up date will be determined upon your return to school. Failure to make up a lab will result in a zero for that lab. This strict policy assures that you will meet the state requirement for the Regents examination
3. Unless otherwise notified, labs are due one week after the lab is completed in class. For each day the lab report is late you will lose 10% of the total points assigned to that particular lab

Lab folders must never be removed from the classroom under any circumstances

Quarterly Grade Calculation

Your quarterly grade will be determined by the fraction:

$$\frac{\sum \text{Earned Points}}{\sum \text{Possible Points}} \times 100$$

Keep track of your grades and save all papers that are returned to you.

Midterm Exam

There will be a midterm exam at the end of the second quarter or the start of the third quarter. The midterm exam will cover all material covered up to that point. The midterm exam will be included in either the second or third quarter average.

Final Exam

There will be a final exam during "finals days" in June. The final exam will be a comprehensive exam to help prepare you for the Regents Chemistry exam. The final will be included in your fourth quarter average.

Regents Exam

The Regents Chemistry exam is currently scheduled for Wednesday morning, June 21, 2017. This date and time is subject to change. The Regents exam is worth one-fifth of your final grade.

Extra Help

Extra help is generally available every morning from 7:10 to 7:40. Additional times may be possible. As soon as you are feeling unsure about the material make certain you see me. The material you don't understand one day is sure to come back and haunt you later. **Do not put it off.**