



CHEMISTRY COURSE CONTRACT

2017

Please read and initial to indicate that you agree to abide by expectations and consequences for this course.

Attendance:

- I understand that attendance becomes mandatory when the grade in this class drops below a 74% (there are parental exceptions to this) and/or there is missed due dates.
- I understand that the teacher has the option of making a different recommendation regarding attendance (e.g., you have failed a previous quiz or test).
- I understand that if my attendance is mandatory, I am required to work in the assigned classroom.
- I understand it is my responsibility to check Parent Portal before class to know my grade and missing work status.
- I understand that I will be marked absent if I am required to be in the classroom and am not present when the tardy bell sounds. I understand that I may be assigned detention in such instances.
- I understand that, as a student, it is in my best interest to work in the classroom every day during the assigned class period. If not in the assigned classroom, I understand that I am expected to go to a designated location in the high school (i.e., library, NE study corner) or home. **Students who choose to leave campus during this class are required to secure parent permission.**
- I understand that I will be assigned proctored assessments that must be completed in the classroom on an assigned day. I understand that I must be present that day or have made previous arrangements.

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Absences:

- I understand that school related absences do not receive extra time to complete assignments. I understand that all tasks are available to me early so that I can make arrangements to work ahead.
- I understand that I need to work ahead if family or personal activities limit course activities.
- I understand that during an absence I still have access to Blackboard Learn and the expectation is for me to continue to work on the assigned tasks.
- I understand that I am expected to **communicate with my teacher via email** if for any reason I cannot meet due dates when I am absent.
- I understand that any assignments submitted beyond the due date/time may not receive full credit.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to schedule make-up times for labs or tests during study hall, lunch, before or after school.

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Curriculum:

- I understand **video** will be used to deliver the content. I understand that it is in my best interest to print a copy of the note taking guide, listen to the video, take notes and complete the follow-up practices.
- I understand **post assessments** must be passed with an 80% or completion of the note taking guide is required.
- I understand that **practices** are essential in mastering the content and that I can complete the practices multiple times to help with mastering the content I understand that I should complete all practices before taking a test.
- I understand that practices are required if I fail a quiz or test.
- I understand that a rubric will be used to grade my **lab reports** and that I may make corrections for an improved score up until the due date/time only.
- I understand that **concept quizzes** must be completed in the classroom and that I must earn a minimum of 65% to move on to the next concept. I understand that if I don't pass a concept quiz, I am required to complete practices to prepare for a retake.
- I understand that **unit tests** must be completed in the classroom and that I must earn a minimum of 65% to move on to the next unit. I understand that if I don't pass the unit test I am required to complete practices to prepare for a retake.

- I understand that I must complete all assignments, labs and exams to be awarded credit for the course no matter what grades I earned throughout the course.
- I understand that points will be deducted for late assignments. **Blank or incomplete** submissions are not considered submitted assignments.
- I understand that, if for any reason, I cannot meet a due date I must arrange an extension with my teacher prior to the due date/time or the work will scored as a late assignment.
- Students enrolling in a .5 credit course will have one semester to complete the course. Students requiring additional time will need to meet with their teacher, high school counselor, and/or Principal to obtain permission for additional time to complete the course.

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Academic Honor Policy

- I understand and agree that all work submitted must represent my original ideas and/or I will appropriately cite all relevant sources if it is not completely original. Failure to do so can result in receiving a failing grade for the assignment and possibly for the course. I may be required to complete the assignment without credit in order to continue in the course.
- I understand that no one other than me can complete any portion of an assignment, activity or exam or make revisions to an assignment, activity or exam. Doing so may result in a failing grade and my immediate removal from the course.
- I understand that there is zero tolerance for cheating. This includes (but not limited to) false representation of a piece of work, copying from another student or website, sharing my work with another student to use, discussing quiz or test answers.
- I understand that submitted assignments and lab reports will be scanned with *SafeAssign*, an educational tool that compares student submissions for any overlap. I understand that if *SafeAssign* flags my submission, I may receive zero credit with no opportunity to make-up points.

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Criteria for Optional Attendance

It is in the best interest of a student to work in the classroom every day during the assigned class period; however, the nature of the class allows the student the flexibility to work through the curriculum at a customized pace. Attendance becomes optional for a student that meets certain grade requirements as agreed upon by the teacher and parent. Parental approval is required for a student to be granted optional attendance. Please indicate your criteria by selecting one option below:

☐ **Student should work in the classroom every day.**

Student should stay in the school building (library, NE study corner) provided there is no missing work and the following grade is maintained:

☐ **A- 92%**

☐ **B- 83%**

☐ **C- 74%**

☐ **other:** _____

Student has permission to work from home provided there is no missing work and the following grade is maintained:

☐ **A- 92%**

☐ **B- 83%**

☐ **C- 74%**

☐ **other:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent /Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____