

## CHEMISTRY AB SYLLABUS

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Conference: 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> period  
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### THE COURSE

Chemistry is a course designed to allow students to learn about matter and the changes it undergoes. In this course, students will conduct field and laboratory investigations and use critical thinking, in addition to problem-solving skills. This course will require a minimum of 3 hours of homework/studying per week. In addition, we will be creating a portfolio of work throughout the semester that will be a part of the final grade.

### GRADING

The grading scale will be the same as the scale used by the District.  
90-100 **A** 80-89 **B** 75-79 **C** 70-74 **D** 0-69 **F**

### GRADING POLICY

- 1) Grades are based on daily work, quizzes, tests and performance-based assessment

Tests, Projects	35.0 %
Labs, Quizzes	30.0 %
Classwork, Homework	25.0 %
Daily participation	10.0 %
- 2) Class work includes assignments any tasks performed in the classroom.
- 3) Class work submitted within the deadline will receive a maximum of 100%, late work will decrease the grade by 10 points per day late, max. 4 days. 5 or more days is a zero.
- 4) Daily participation cannot be made up after the deadline without an excuse
- 5) We will have a Common Assessment: portfolio section and short test, every 3 weeks.
- 6) Make-up tests and work are given during tutorials time. Student will have a reasonable opportunity to make up or redo a class assignment or exam for which he or she received a failing grade.

### LABORATORY SAFETY

Each student is required to pass a laboratory safety test with at least 70% accuracy. If the student does not pass the safety test, the student will not be allowed to participate in laboratory activities until he do so. In addition to the lab safety test, each student and parent will be required to sign a Lab safety contract, stating the student has passed the test and will practice safe habits in the laboratory environment.

### HOMEWORK

When homework is assigned, the student is expected to have the work completed upon entering the class the next meeting day. Homework is frequently on paper or on the HUB

### MATERIALS

Pen/Pencil  
1.5 inch Binder with Writing Paper/ Notebook with Folder  
Supplies as needed for specific assignments (will be included in assignment)  
Cellphones are allowed to document learning ONLY

## PORTFOLIOS

Each student will create a portfolio for their final exam. Check points for the portfolio are due weekly in the form of reflections and every 3 weeks in the form of a power point (3 slides every 3 weeks). Students who do not turn in their complete Portfolio on Dec. 13 First Semester and May 22 Second Semester will be offered a Multiple Choice Final as an alternative.

All work is required to have a proper heading

Name	
Period	
Date	
	Title of the Assignment

## CLASS RULES

- Be on time: a student is considered absent if he/she misses 15 minutes of class.
- Be prepared (pencil, pen, notebook, laptop, completed assignments).
- Respect the classroom equipment. No tilting chairs, moving tables, or touching labware without permission.
- Technology is a privilege: use it appropriately or not at all.
- Respect the learning of those around you.
- No food, no drink, no candy, no gum. This is for your health and other's comfort.
- Keep your place clean and your classroom in order.

## CONSEQUENCES

1 Offense	WARNING
2 Offense	STUDENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE
3 Offense	PARENT CONTACT CALL
4 Offense	DISCIPLINE REFERRAL
5 Offense	IN PERSON PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR CONFERENCE

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Parent Signature

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Student name

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Date

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Parent Phone Number

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Parent Email