PRE AP-CHEMISTRY
SYLLABUS

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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. The students will prepare a portfolio. We will be following the design of units according to PAP College Board.

THE BOOK
Electronic version in CANVAS
Modern Chemistry – Houghton Mufflin Harcourt
The electronic version of the textbook will be used for both parts of the course.

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 below 70 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, reflections, and any tasks performed in the classroom.
3) Daily 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) Common assessment is a test given to all Chemistry students of the school. The test is given at least 2 times every cycle (6 weeks).
5) 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. Use of mask is voluntary.

HOMEWORK
When homework is assigned, the student is expected to have the work completed upon entering the class the next meeting day.

CLASS RULES
Be on time and participate in the class
Be prepared (Laptop, pencil, pen, notebook, e-Textbook daily).
All students will be silent and respectful while other students read aloud
Respect the Adult in charge, yourself and your Peers.
Cellphones are not allowed during class time unless requested by the teacher. Playing games, texting or watching any videos not approved by the teacher are not allowed during classtime.

MATERIALS
Pen
Pencil
Writing paper
Metric ruler
Composition Notebook
All work is required to have a proper heading

Plagiarism, Cheating, and Academic Integrity
Work in groups is encouraged. Avoid plagiarism and cheating. This is a great year with a lot of challenges, and we will conclude it with success.

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Parent Signature          Student name              Date
*taken from collegeboard.org Pre-AP Chemistry course