

# AP CHEMISTRY

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AP Chemistry is a college-level course taught in high school and equivalent to college general chemistry. The curriculum is based upon the nine units found in the current College Board curriculum including structure of matter, chemical bonding, chemical reactions, thermodynamics, and equilibrium. It is important for you to think about why you are taking AP Chemistry. If your primary reason for taking the course is your desire to accept an intellectual challenge, to take a superior science course, to learn more about this field, and/or just to take and pass the AP Exam, then this course will help you meet those goals. If however, your primary goal is to obtain credit for either course, you should find out what AP scores your prospective colleges require for credit, so that you can decide now what your goal should be once school starts. An additional important benefit of taking an AP science is the chance to become very familiar with the time-management and study skills needed for success in a college-level science class such as collaborative writing and peer tutoring.

Please plan to allocate 10-12 hours/week of study time. This would include time for reading, reviewing notes, completing assignments, and preparation for tests. The most successful students devote time to this course on a daily basis; it is challenging and has a heavy workload. Although extracurricular activities should be carefully chosen, AP science students can participate fully in athletics, student government, clubs, and student publications; you simply have to budget and use your time wisely. I have faith in your potential success in this class,

## **General Class Rules:**

1. Be punctual.
2. Come to class prepared with all materials.
3. Be respectful of yourself, your classmates, and your instructor.
4. Take care of your textbook and other school property as if it were your own.
5. Follow all rules and regulations as found in the school handbook.
6. When participating in a lab activity, be sure to adhere to all safety procedures. These will be discussed prior to our first lab experience. (all science courses)

## **Classroom Management:**

1. After entering proceed to your seat and prepare your materials for class so you are ready when instruction begins.
2. No sidebar conversations during lecture or discussion. If you miss something, raise your hand and I will acknowledge you and answer at the next opportunity.
3. Do NOT bring any food or drinks, including water, into the classroom.
4. Remember I dismiss the class; the bell does not.
5. If you are absent, see me as soon as you return to arrange for your makeup assignments.

## **Grading:**

Each nineweeks grade will be based on two categories as follows:

Tests/Quizzes 60%

Daily 40% (homework, classwork, labs)

Each semester is calculated according to the school policy.

## **Acknowledgement:**

I have reviewed and understand the above policies and procedures.

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