
Advanced Placement Chemistry

Mrs. Morris



Introduction

Welcome to A.P. Chemistry! This is a rigorous class that is comparable to a first year college level course. Therefore the student is expected to approach this course in a mature and responsible manner. It is expected that the student assume responsibility for what they learn, and not rely solely on the teacher to provide the knowledge. Upon successful completion, the student will be adequately prepared for the Advanced Placement Chemistry Exam in the spring and/or any college general chemistry course.

Class Expectations

Due to the manner of this class I expect things to go smoothly, especially if all students follow these expectations...

Be Respectful: Show respect to earn respect.

Be respectful of all belongings, equipment, materials and other items within the classroom. DO NOT write on the laboratory bench tops.

Be Responsible: Be prompt and prepared for class.

Be Ready to learn: Come to class prepared.

Be Good and Use Common Sense!

Assignments and Grades

Grades will be based on points derived from homework, labs, tests, projects, etc. All assignments are expected to be turned in on time. **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED!** Grades will be based on the following scale: A+ 98% and above, A 91%, A- 88%, B+ 85%, B 78%, B- 75%, C+ 72%, C 65%, C- 62%, D+ 59%, D 52%, D- 49%, F below 49%. Grades are not rounded.

Tests are typically given for every chapter, with a midterm at the end of the 1st quarter and a final after the 2nd quarter and before the AP Chemistry exam.

Absences

Students are responsible for getting missed work and turning it in on time. If you know you will not be in class because of an outside activity, *you must turn in your assignment(s) **before you leave***. If you have a planned absence, you must meet with the teacher in advance to receive your work. (This includes school and personal activities).

If you know you will be absent for a test, you must make prior arrangements with me to take the test *before* you leave. If you have an excused absence on a test or quiz day, there will be one make up day per quarter. Unexcused absences will result in a zero for the test or quiz.

Cheating

The Foothill honor policy will be enforced in this class. This means that any form of ***cheating is not tolerated***. This includes (but not limited to) copying homework, labs and assignments, allowing others to copy from your work, sharing calculators during a test as well as any type of cheating on quizzes and tests. Foothill consequences are followed (please reference your daily time tracker). First offense will include contact with a parent/guardian, a referral will be placed in your permanent file, and you will lose the trust of your teacher (me!). I will not include consequences for repeat offenses with the assumption that you will learn your lesson the first time.

Materials suggested for class:

- A scientific calculator is needed in this course. One will be provided for you on the day of a quiz or test, but not for laboratory and class work. Cell phones are not to be used as calculators at any time. The calculator provided for testing is a CASIO fx-300MS.
- Princeton AP Chemistry Review book

Final Notes

- It is expected that I will have minimal contact with parents, as it is expected that the student seek help from the teacher before parent involvement.
- All students are encouraged to take the AP Chemistry Exam in the spring. Make your decision to take this test early so that you can plan accordingly and have ample time to prepare. You should expect to do a considerable amount of additional preparation outside of class work.
- Cell phones, iPods, mp3 and any electronic devices must be turned off before coming to class and should remain in your backpack at all times during the class period.
- If you are falling behind in class you need to seek help immediately. This class builds upon previous knowledge so don't wait until the last minute.
- If you or your parent/guardian(s) need to contact me, I am most easily reached by email at rmorris@pleasanton.k12.ca.us. I rarely check voice mail so I suggest you contact me via email.

Classroom donations:

The following items are common consumables in a chemistry class and are a welcome donation. Thank you for your consideration!

- Disinfectant wipes
- Kleenex
- Dish soap
- Pencils