

Grade Password- _____

Regents Chemistry

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Important information

Supplies

3" 3-Ring Binder

2 packs of Loose leaf paper (1 now, 1 for later)

2 Folders (1 for HW and 1 for Labs)

Scientific Calculator

Grading

Test-60%

Homework/Quizzes- 15%

Lab Reports- 15%

Classwork 10%

Suggestions

Supply pouch for pens, pencils, etc.

White out, hole punch, stapler

Extra-Help every day from 2pm to 2:20pm

Assignments are due the day a student returns from an absence, without penalty.

No late Homework is accepted, no exceptions.

Labs are due 2 days after they are completed.

Labs that are 1 day late 50% off; 2 days late 0 (student still must submit the lab report).

Tests are announced a week in advance, so being absent the day before a test will never be an excuse.

Students are responsible for getting the notes from other students or from the website when absent.

The Course

This course, based on the new standards for chemistry, prepares the student to explain accurately and with appropriate depth, general chemistry concepts and models. Topics include atomic concepts, periodic table, moles, stoichiometry, chemical bonding, physical behavior of matter, kinetics/equilibrium, organic chemistry, Redox, acids/bases/salts, and nuclear chemistry. The students will participate in experimental, practical, and theoretical scientific inquiry activities. Students will take the June NYS Regents Exam in Chemistry.

New York State Lab Requirement

Laboratory work is an integral part of any Chemistry course. New York State requires students to not only complete 1200 minutes (30 periods) of lab work, but also hand in written lab reports for each lab. Any student that does not hand in the required lab reports cannot take the Regents and fails the course. This class does more than the required 1200 minutes of lab work, and any conscientious student should not have to worry about meeting the lab requirement.

**A Student has 2 weeks to make up a lab with a documented legal excuse.

FYI Seaford School District's Attendance Policy

18 class absences or more for any reason will deny a student credit for a full year course, and 9 absences for a half year course. Labs periods are considered half year courses and are offered every other day. School administration sends out notification when certain attendance levels are reached throughout the year. A letter of appeal is required if a student is denied credit. This would be sent to the Principal. The decision to reinstate or uphold the denial is made by the attendance committee, not the teacher.

Behavior Expectations

The chemistry lab and classroom can be a dangerous place. Seaford High School has a full functional chemistry lab, with very real and sometimes dangerous chemicals. This is not a place for immaturity and I expect my students to act as mature young adults. Besides teaching chemistry, my job is to keep everyone safe from themselves and from other students. I have ZERO tolerance for dangerous immature behavior and students will be removed if they cannot control themselves. So with that being said, here are some basic rules for the classroom:

1. Students should be in their seats ready to work when the bell rings.
2. Students should be attentive and prepared for class with homework and supplies.
3. Students are expected to take notes during class.
4. Restroom and locker visits are to be made between periods, not during my class.
5. No cell phones or google glass. These items will be confiscated, and I only ask once.
6. Cheating is unacceptable.
7. NO FOOD in the classroom, no exceptions (even if the student does not have a lunch period).
8. CHEMISTRY LABS ARE DANGEROUS. Students are to have goggles on at all times in the lab. They are to do the lab and not play around.

All consequences for behavior problems will depend on the severity. This includes parental contact, administrative action, detention, suspension or expulsion.

Unofficial Student Grades

I post student grades on Infinite Campus. I have found over the years that students become much more responsible for their learning when they can keep track of their own progress.

Grading errors sometimes happen. All a student has to do is tell me there is an error on Infinite Campus, resubmit the test, quiz or homework and I will change it. I cannot change a grade if they do not have that assignment.

Contacting Me

If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me. Your best bet is email. The address is on the top of the front page. You can also call the school and I will gladly return your call.

Chemistry is a challenging course. Students will have their good units and bad ones. Second quarter is always the most challenging.