

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES: CHEMISTRY -- MRS. WEIR

COURSE OVERVIEW:

We will use the textbook World of Chemistry, published by McDougal Littell. This course is transitioning to the Next Generation Science Standards to ready students for CAST testing. The course requires strong algebra skills. Bear River Chemistry covers scientific reasoning, atomic theory, nuclear chemistry, chemical composition and reactions, stoichiometry, energy/thermodynamics, equilibrium. The final exam at the end of the year is **cumulative**, so **SAVE YOUR NOTES!**

REQUIRED SUPPLIES: 3 ring binder, spiral notebook, graph paper, scientific calculator, pen and pencil, colored pencils, ruler, highlighters, Chromebook

You need a 3-ring binder to store worksheets, homework, labs, handouts, blank paper and lecture notes. I recommend using a spiral notebook for note taking. You will be provided a lab notebook - *labs written on lined paper will not be accepted*. I highly recommend you purchase a scientific calculator early in the year. We will use it often, more so second semester, and your ability to perform chemistry calculations will depend on your having a calculator. You will not be allowed to use a cell phone as a calculator.

OFFICE HOURS/COMMUNICATION

If you have questions about what we are learning, have tests or homework to make up, or just need a little extra help, I encourage you to come in during Bruin Time. A message through Schoology is a great way to communicate with me. If your parents wish to discuss your progress, a message can be left at any time of the day by calling 268-3700, ext. 4609. My school email address is jenniferweir@njuhsd.com

Class Website: Assignments, test dates and worksheets will be posted on Schoology.

Parents can sign up for a Parent Schoology account. You will need your student's unique ID code. Email me and I can provide the code and easy instructions to sign up.

Classroom Behavior: Because of the nature of this class, "goofing off" will not be tolerated. Unsafe behavior will result in removal from lab or classroom activities. I have high expectations for classroom behavior. Please review the Student Handbook sections headed "Bullying," "Dress Code", "Electronic Devices", and "Sexual Harassment," in addition to my basic classroom rules:

- Be on task, on time, and prepared to learn, everyday.
- Be responsible for your learning.
- Respect your classmates, your teacher, your classroom.
- Electronic devices are for coursework only and at teacher discretion.

HIGHLIGHTED RULES FOR THE CHEM LAB.

- a. NO GUM, FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN CHEM LAB AT ANY TIME. (WATER IS OK)
- b. NEVER TOUCH OR TASTE ANY CHEMICALS IN THE LABORATORY.
- c. NEVER PLAY WITH FIRE OR THE BURNERS IN A WAY THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE SAFETY.
- d. LONG HAIR MUST BE SECURED IN A HAIR TIE/BAND.
- e. LAB EQUIPMENT AND STATION MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE LEAVING THE ROOM.

Please note: A203 is a cell phone free zone! Your phone should be stowed in a purse or backpack at all times, including when assignments are complete.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance and promptness are important. Absences must be cleared and tardy students will be sent to the office for an admit slip from the office. Detention will be assigned for habitual tardies.

GRADING: Students receive two report card grades throughout the year, with additional Progress Reports (IPR). Semester grades are calculated as follows: final exam - 10%; chapter tests - 35%; quizzes - 25%; labs - 15%; homework/classwork - 15%.

GRADING SCALE: 90% - 100% = A; 80% - 89% = B; 70% - 79% = C; 60- 69% = D; below 60% = F

AA Passes: There **will be no** AA passing of Chemistry final exams.

DUE DATES AND TURNING IN PAPERS:

HOMEWORK: There will be homework, lab work and/or reading assigned often. Homework will be checked for completeness on the due date and stamped. Homework assignments will be posted on Schoology and on the Daily Agenda in class. Completing homework is essential for success. Homework packets for each chapter will be turned in and recorded in the grade book on the day of the chapter or unit test.

LABS: The ability to complete labs safely requires reading the lab in advance. Many labs will have written formal lab reports. Labs will be accepted up to 3 days after the due date with points deducted from your score per day late. No more than 3 late labs per semester. **Additional late labs will be scored as a zero.**

ABSENCES AND MAKING UP MISSED WORK:

It is the student's responsibility to make up work. When you are absent, always assume that you have missed some work. Please ask a friend in class for lecture notes and assignments. The current week's assignments are on our Schoology class page.

- For one or two day absences (sick, appointments or school events) previously assigned homework will be checked on the day you return; any quizzes, or tests missed must be made up within one week.
- Due dates for work missed due to absences of three or more days will be negotiated with the teacher.
- **Because I teach 2 other subjects, chemistry lab make-up is very challenging.** You must communicate with me to schedule a make-up. *If you think you will be out of school more than two days, have your parent call the school to request homework.*

If you have any questions please contact me. I hope to meet you at Back to School Night.

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I have read/reviewed the Classroom Policy for Chemistry. I am providing any comments or questions below.

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