**Chemistry Syllabus 2021-2022**

**COURSE EXPECTATIONS The Chemistry course is a lab-based, introduction to chemistry. The goal of the course is to provide academically strong and motivated students with opportunities to enhance and enrich their critical thinking skills. The course will challenge students to use higher level thinking. This is not a class of memorization! The most challenging components of Chemistry include being able to explain WHY, apply the knowledge learned, and analyze/interpret lab data.**

**CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT AND EXPECTATIONS Ethical conduct is expected at all times**

**A student is expected to be…. RESPECTFUL toward self and others RESPONSIBLE for one’s actions HONEST**

**Follow directions when they are given. It is crucial that you understand all procedures before performing any experiment or activity. If you have questions, ASK!**

**Obey all district policies regarding virtual learning platform including video cameras on!**

**Be on time for class and ready to work. Be prepared with all required materials! Being unprepared for class affects your grade! 1. Textbook 3. Pen and pencil 2. Notebook and 3-ring binder or folder 4. Scientific Calculator**

**ELECTRONICS POLICY Upon entering my classroom ALL cell phones (and smart watches) are to be TURNED OFF/SILENCED and put AWAY. That means I do not want to see or hear your devices. If they are found in use without permission, you will get written up. Consider this your only warning!!**

**ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS  Homework will be assigned on a regular basis and students are expected to complete the given assignments. Homework serves as a means to better your overall understanding of the material and ultimately helps your grade.**

** Homework that is half completed or late will not be accepted. If the assignment is not in class and complete the day that it is due, no credit will be given. If a student is absent, they have as many days as they were absent to hand in their make-up work. It is the student’s responsibility to hand in their absent work in time for credit. If the absent work is not handed in the day that it is due, no credit will be given.**

** Lab reports and projects must be turned in on time for full credit. I will automatically enter a zero for any assignment not handed in on time. You will lose 20% for each class it is missing. It will remain a zero and will not be allowed to be made up after 5 days.  Chemistry involves math. You must show all work (a list of answers will not be accepted). Work must be done neatly. If it cannot be read it will be marked as incorrect!**

**ABSENSES: Missed classwork is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY! .**

**If you are absent on the day of a quiz/test/lab, you have one week to make it up only if you have an EXCUSED absence. Failure to do so will result in a zero being recorded for that assessment. Email me so that we can schedule a make-up date!**

**EVALUATION CRITERIA Grading is based upon classroom and laboratory preparation and participation, homework, lab reports and worksheets, quizzes, tests and projects. Your final grade is based on a numerical point system.**

**Final Grade = amount of points earned/ total amount of points possible x 100**

**Ex. Tests/Quests: 75-100 points Quiz: 20-50 points Labs: 20-60 points Homework/classwork: 5-10 ponts**

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Cheating and plagiarism (including copying homework) will not be tolerated…it will result in a zero grade! I have a zero tolerance policy. If you plagiarize/copy from another student or another source, I will give you a zero on that assignment as well as all students involved. Please understand that I am very strict on this policy.  It is your job to convince me that you are not cheating. Ways to convince me: 1. Keep your eyes on your paper 2. Do not “share” work or answers 3. Stay on the appropriate tab on your ChromeBook You must complete tests and quizzes on your school issued chromebook**

**EXTRA HELP: Extra help is always available …just ask!**

**Do not wait until the night before a test to ask for help!**