

Chemistry

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Remind Text Alerts

Sign up for the class text alerts for updates on homework, tests, quizzes, and other important due dates. Download the Remind App to be able to chat with Ms. Andre for help.



PRE-AP

Text @AndrePreAP to 81010

ON-LEVEL

Text @AndreChem to 81010

Class Materials

2 dry erase markers

pencils & blue or black pens

1 pair of new socks

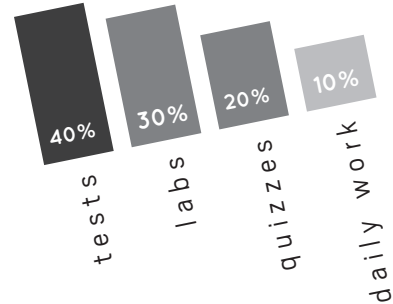


composition notebook

You can purchase your own notebook, buy one from me for 50 cents, or trade me a spiral notebook.

You MUST have your notebook by the second week of school.

Grades



* Tests and labs are both major (assessment) grades. Quizzes and daily work are minor (practice) grades. Each nine weeks' grade is 70% major grades and 30% minor grades.

• Students can check their grades at any time via FOCUS. Please **check FOCUS regularly**, and feel free to ask me any questions that you might have about a particular grade. I make mistakes, so this is your opportunity to make sure I've got everything correct! This can be done before or after class or via e-mail.

• **Progress reports/report cards are sent out every three weeks.**

Rules & Expectations

RESPECT

*Students will maintain a respectful and positive attitude toward the teacher and classmates.
*Be on time! When my door shuts, you are tardy and I will not let you in without a tardy pass.

BEHAVIOR

*I have no specific rules about behavior, only a reminder: You are just a few years from being a fully responsible adult that will be held accountable for your actions. Act like it.

RESPONSIBILITY

*It is your responsibility to maintain your grade in my class. Please check FOCUS often. I will not remind you if you have missing work, need to retake a test, etc.

MATERIALS

*I expect you to have your notebook and a writing utensil every day. You are always welcome to keep your notebook on your assigned shelf in my classroom, though I suggest taking it to study!

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Absences and Late Work

- 1** **YES – WE DID SOMETHING IMPORTANT WHILE YOU WERE ABSENT.** It is your responsibility to check the class calendar the day you return to find out what you missed. You must notify me of school-related absences prior to be gone. Due dates and test dates will not be extended for prearranged absences.
- 2** You have **THREE SCHOOL DAYS** to make up absent work. After that day, any missing assignments will be accepted with a late penalty.

- 3** Late work is accepted for 80% of the the grade. **All late and missing work for a unit is due by the retest deadline of that unit** (5 school days after the unit exam). In the event that missing work occurs at the end of an IPR cycle, students will have 5 school days to complete that assignment.
- 4** Conference with me regarding make up work if extended absences or excessive missing work occurs.

Retesting & Other Policies



*TEST CORRECTIONS:

If you earn below a 60 on a test, you can retest once for up to a 70%. In order to qualify for a retest you must complete test corrections, attend a tutorial session to review corrections, and schedule the retest within 5 days of receiving the failing grade.

*If you earn a 60 or above on a test, you can complete test corrections to earn 1/4 of your points back. Corrections are due within 5 days of receiving the original grade.



*Students may correct failed quizzes and **submit them before the exam.** If the exam over the material demonstrates you have learned from your mistakes and earned a higher grade, the quiz will be "upgraded" to a maximum of a 70%.

*Opportunities to correct failing lab grades vary by lab but students will always have 5 days from receiving the failing grade to demonstrate improvement on that learning.



*Missing exams/quizzes and retests will be given once a day during tutorial times by a designated teacher. This is so you can test in peace and quiet!

*Schedule a time to take your test with me, but you will go to the designated teacher's room to complete your test/retest. A list of testing times and locations are posted outside my room and on my website.

Cell Phones

While we will use technology regularly in class, there is a time and a place for cell phones. We will follow school policy for cell phones but here are a few important things to note:

- 1** **Phones are NEVER allowed in lab.** If I see one, I will immediately collect it and turn it into the office.
- 2** Like STAAR Testing, the use of cell phones during unit exams is prohibited. Phones will be labeled, collected, and stored securely by me during a test. All phones will be returned when testing is complete.
- 3** You're welcome to charge your phone in my class! When your phone is at the charging station, you cannot go visit it except at break times.

Tutorials

***My tutorials are Mondays and Thursdays before and after school** or by appointment.

*Chemistry tutorials are available every day before and after school (except Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon). It may not be me tutoring you, but it is a teacher willing and able to help! A complete schedule is posted outside my room and on my website.

Notice...

Late work will be entered in FOCUS when I get to it. If my work is not your priority, putting it in FOCUS immediately is not mine. DO NOT repeatedly ask me to enter it 5 minutes after you turn it in.

I have read and understand the rules and expectations for Chemistry. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to contact my teacher if I have any questions or concerns. I understand that I can access this and other important class documents on the teacher website.

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