

Mr. Herring's Chemistry Classroom Syllabus - 2016-2017  
Expectations, Consequences, Policies and Procedures

## **CHEMISTRY**

**Credit: 1.0**

**Prerequisite: Biology**

**Grade Level: 10, 11**

CHEMISTRY involves the study of elements, compounds, formulas, symbols, equations, solutions, gas laws, atomic theory, and organic chemistry. Laboratory experiences are an important part of this course. Emphasis is placed on reasoning and application of math concepts. Chemistry has a state mandated test.

### **Classroom Expectations**

- Be on time and in your seat when tardy bell rings with all materials necessary for success
- Respect every person in the classroom: every person's right to learn and participate without interference, fear, or recrimination
- No eating or drinking in class: Unless approved for special medical circumstances
- No unauthorized cell phone use
- No sleeping or placing head down on your desk

### **Consequences for not meeting expectations:**

- First occurrence of any type – warning and parent student conference
- Second occurrence of any type – detention assigned/ parent notification – N in conduct
- Third occurrence of any type – detention assigned / U in conduct
- Subsequent occurrences of any type - Referral for administrative action
- Severe incidents or disruptions – Immediate referral to administration

### **Required Class Materials:**

- Three-ring binder (1 ½ ") exclusively for chemistry class
- Loose leaf notebook paper
- Composition Notebook – **SPIRAL NOTEBOOK NOT ALLOWED**
- Writing implements - # 2 pencils and blue or black only ink pen
- Scientific Calculator

### **Classroom Procedures:**

- Enter the classroom and be seated immediately. Take care of pre class matters before the tardy bell: sharpening pencils, getting books and materials, using restroom etc.
- If you have an absence note place it in the basket on my desk at the beginning of class
- If you have been absent, check the makeup binder/folder for assignments missed during your absence: **IT IS STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN MAKEUP WORK**
- Class begins when I come to front of the room. Any and all talking should cease when I come to stand at the front of the classroom.
- Wait until I ask if anyone has questions to ask about the day's activities
- Raise your hand to be recognized to ask questions, or make comments.
- **I dismiss the class – not the bell. Everyone must be seated before class will be dismissed.**

## Daily Routines:

- A class notebook will be kept, and will be graded for quality and thoroughness of notes taken
- Bell work is a required component of the class notebook
- Homework will be assigned on a regular basis: Unless otherwise specified, homework is due on the next class date after it is assigned.
- Assignments not provided on handouts must be submitted on loose leaf notebook paper.
- All assignments must be headed according to directions given:
- First and Last Name, Class period, due date of assignment written in top right corner of paper
- Title of assignment must be on center of the top line on the paper. Failure to head paper and submit it on acceptable paper will result in 20 point deduction from grade.
- All paperwork submitted to me must be on a full sheet of paper. I WILL NOT ACCEPT SCRAPS, OR HALF SHEETS of PAPER. You will be given a zero, and an opportunity to resubmit the work for 30 point deduction from grade.

**Instruction:** Instruction is delivered using multiple modalities, including: cooperative learning strategies, guided inquiry, demonstrations, directed instruction, and others. Students are required to take notes from the instructional delivery, and on most class days, students complete a bell work assignment to begin class. When students miss class, it is their responsibility to obtain the notes they missed.

**Labs:** Labs are an integral part of this course. Typically, we will complete lab activities on alternating weeks, enhanced with in-class inquiry activities on weeks between the lab dates. To participate in lab activities, students must pass a lab safety test with a score of at least 80, and have on file with me, a lab safety contract signed by student and a parent/guardian. Lab reports are required for all lab activities unless otherwise designated by Mr. Herring

## Grading Policy

**Grades for assignments are calculated according to the following weighted categories:**

**Tests: 30%** - Chapter tests, and occasionally a unit test, are given to comprehensively assess students understanding of material covered in a chapter or a unit in the textbook.

**Major Assignments: 20%** - Quizzes, oral reports, some group assignments and group projects.

**Individual Class Projects: 15%** - These projects may include oral presentations, writing assignments, construction and presentation (display) of models of important chemistry concepts. Typically, one project is assigned during each grading period. Students should expect at least one major writing project – that will include researching and reporting on a specific topic – during the year.

**Daily Work: 10%** - Daily work consists of in class assignments, and homework assigned to provide practice of skills and concepts learned in class. These assignments are mandatory.

**Lab Performance: 20%** - Active participation in lab constitutes an integral part of the learning that occurs in the classroom. Completing the lab report as directed is an integral component of this grade.

**Class Participation: 5% - (Notebook and class records):** Students are required to take notes, and maintain a class binder. These will be graded on the basis of the quality of notes, and the organization and maintenance of the class artifacts as instructed.

**Make-up Work Policy:** Makeup work policy is governed by the Arlington High School policy, and will be adhered to strictly (Please refer to Student Handbook)

<b>Grading scale:</b>	93-100	A
	85 - 92	B
	84 - 75	C
	74 - 70	D
	below 70	F

**Textbook: Holt Modern Chemistry**

**Class Communication:** Communication between parents, students, and teacher are essential for each student's success. Students and parents are requested to sign up for the Remind communication system. Each student is given instructions for signing up for their class. Parents are requested to sign up for the contact list as well.

In addition, email Mr. Herring at [curtis.herring@acsk-12.org](mailto:curtis.herring@acsk-12.org) School phone (901) 867-1541

## **AHS Honor Code Rules**

1. Students will not give or receive aid on tests, quizzes, and exams.
2. Students will not copy or allow to be copied any homework or other assignments.
3. Students will not plagiarize any part of published materials, essays, or work of another.
4. Administration and faculty will uphold standards of honesty and integrity.

## **Code of Honor Violation Consequences**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: The student will receive a zero for the assignment and the teacher will notify the grade level administrator, grade level counselor and parent.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: The student will receive a zero for the assignment and a conduct grade of N. The teacher will schedule a conference with the parent, student, grade level counselor, and the grade level administrator. (Conduct grade removes students from school based appointed or elected leadership roles)

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: The student will receive a zero for the assignment and a conduct grade of U. The teacher will schedule a conference with the parent, student, grade level counselor, and the grade level administrator. Students who have reached this level will not be allowed to wear Honor Cords/Stoles at graduation.

4<sup>th</sup> Offense: The student will receive a zero for the assignment and a consequence of In-School Suspension. The grade level administrator will schedule a conference with the parent, student, and grade level counselor before the student returns to classes.

## **Attendance rules:**

- ❖ 1. A student has 2 days to turn in an excuse note. After the two day period has passed, the absence is marked unexcused.
- ❖ Schools must require a doctor's note after 10 absences. All subsequent absences will be marked unexcused without a doctor's note
- ❖ Students labeled in 2015-2016 as chronically absent will be placed on the doctor's note list on day one. Any note that is not a doctor's note will be unexcused.
- ❖ Students with an unexcused absence due to reasons other than suspensions will be provided the opportunity to make up missed work for up to five (5) unexcused absences
- ❖ After the 5<sup>th</sup> absence, no make-up work will be provided to the student.
- ❖ **Students in Grades 6-12 with Unexcused Absences Due to First Time Suspensions:**

- ❖ Students in Grades 6-12 receiving their first suspension in a school year may be permitted to complete and receive credit on make-up work for their assignments by performing pre-approved community service. This option will be available only to students in Grades 6-12 serving their first suspension in a school year
- ❖ After the first suspension, or if the student does not complete community service, the student is still allowed to make up any assignments weighted as 15% or more.

### *Perfect attendance*

If a student has no absences and no check ins or check outs, no tardies, and no Ns or Us in conduct, the student is eligible to choose his/her teachers for the following school year.

### *Tardies to school*

- ❖ If a student has an unexcused tardy to school, they will be called down by the grade level administrator.
  - ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Tardy- Detention
  - ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Tardy- Saturday School
  - ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Tardy- 2 Days of ISS or parking Pass Pulled
  - ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Tardy- 1 day of OSS

Tardies start over every nine weeks.

### *Tardies to class*

- ❖ Teachers are still required to follow the school policy to class.
  - ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Tardy- Warning
  - ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Tardy -Detention
  - ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Tardy- Detention
  - ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Tardy- Referral to grade level administrator for Sat. School

Tardies Start over every 9 weeks

### *Check in / Check out*

#### **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Graders**

- ☞ Parent required to check student in & out of school in the Attendance Office.
- ☞ 10<sup>th</sup> grade drivers who drive to school must still be checked in & out by a parent.
- ☞ Student may check in alone with a valid Doctor's note.
- ☞ Parent must show a picture ID when checking out a student.

#### **11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders**

- ☞ Students must bring a parent note at the time of check in
- ☞ Student may check in with a valid Doctor's note.
- ☞ Student may check out as long as a parent note is provided to the attendance office before school. No faxes or emails will be accepted. Parent must show a picture ID when checking out a student.

## Syllabus Contract

I have read and agree to all of the information in the CHEM syllabus, both classroom and school-wide policies and procedures. I understand that I will be held accountable to these policies and consequences will be assigned if not followed.

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Print Student Name

Student Signature

Date

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Print Parent Name

Parent Signature

Date