

Honors Chemistry Syllabus ~ 2017-18

- **Instructor's Information**
- Course: Chemistry
- Instructor: Mr. Sam Lemoine
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- **Required Course Materials**
Notebook, paper, writing utensils, calculator with log functions (We don't have calculators – bring one!)
- **Course Outline:** You are expected to master the goals for the end of course test

General Rules/Missing Materials:

- **Respect others' personal property, space, and dignity:** Treat others how you would want to be treated.
- **Everyone needs to do his or her own work:** It is good to ask for help in understanding, however if you copy another student's work you are only hurting yourself. It is good to share your understanding, however allowing others to copy your work does not show respect for everyone's right to learn. If anyone is caught copying classwork both papers will receive a 0% for that assignment. Remember that you will be graded on your **personal level of knowledge** and ability to apply information on exams.
- **Safety procedures:** Safety guidelines given in class **MUST** be followed carefully. Violations will result in immediate consequences.
- **Pay Attention:** During class discussions, give the speaker respect, whether teacher *or* student, through your full and undivided attention. It is very important that I hear your questions; it is only necessary for one person to speak at a time.
- **Expectations for class participation:** Daily attendance, contribution, and participation are necessary for the successful completion of this course. Every person is important to the dynamic of the classroom, so it is important to be here every day. All students will be called on to contribute to classroom discussions. All on-topic questions are welcome. When doing group work, it is expected that ALL members of the group will substantially participate. I want everyone in the group to learn and to get as much out of the activity as possible.
- **Come to Class Prepared:** Have your completed homework, pencils, paper, etc.
- **Tardiness:** Out of respect for others' time, you must be **in the classroom** when the bell rings or you will be marked tardy. If you are more than ten minutes tardy, you will require a note from the office to enter the classroom. No exceptions.

Procedures:

- **Arrival and dismissal:** A normal day in class will start with you coming to class on time. I expect you to be in your seat **with your materials** when the bell rings. **I dismiss you, not the bell. You must be in your seat in order to leave when the bell rings to end class.**
- **During Class:** Give respect to whoever is talking, student *or* teacher. Please be aware that throwing trash away, sharpening a pencil, or asking to go to the restroom will distract the entire class. You may do these things before class starts, between activities, during group work, or at the end of the class, not during instructional time.

Turning In Assignments:

- **Late Credit:** Any assignment that is graded that is not completed on time is eligible for late credit. Late assignments that are complete and turned in correctly will receive a maximum grade of 70%.
- **Absent Homework:** If you are absent the day a homework assignment is given and the assignment is due the next day, you will turn in the completed assignment the day following your return. If you are absent the day a homework assignment is graded, the due date is the day you return. You must complete and turn in the assignment by the due date to receive full credit. I recommend having someone pick up your absent work if you are out for multiple days. Extreme cases where students are out for long periods of time may result in extended due dates on a case-by-case basis. **I WILL NOT BE YOUR PERSONAL ACCOUNTANT. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING TRACK OF YOUR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS. HOMEWORK THAT HAS NOT BEEN TURNED IN AFTER ONE WEEK PAST THE DUE DATE WILL BE SCORED AS A ZERO.**
- **Absent for a Test/Quiz:** In my class, you can EXPECT a quiz virtually every day. Tests will be given 2-3 times per 9 weeks, with at least a one week notice. If you miss a quiz or a test, makeups for that quiz or test will be held in my classroom on the following Monday after school, or before school by appointment. You have one week to make it up. It is your responsibility. If you do not, you will receive a ZERO. I will not chase you down, beg you, or plead with you to do this. In the event that you were absent for the lesson, you will not be required to take the quiz on that material at the original time. However, you still are required to make up the quiz within one week.
- **Tutoring:** HPC requires mandatory remediation tutoring for any student that has below a 67% course average, so mandated tutoring will take place each Monday from 3:50 to 4:45p.m. You will be required to attend tutoring until your grade is above a 67%. I will also be available for tutoring by appointment.

- **Grading:** Academic grades will be determined from tests, quizzes, lab experiments, homework assignments, and classwork. Keep all returned assignments and notes in your notebook as they will be used to study for your cumulative final. Quizzes and other assessments will be given regularly to see if you understand the material. The rubric under the grading scale below will be used to determine your grade. It is split between 20% classwork/homework, 20% projects & labs, 40% tests and 20% quizzes. Your final grade will be scored as 40% first quarter, 40 % second quarter, and 20% North Carolina Final Exam.

Entering or Exiting a Room/Restrooms:

- The FRONT door is the only door that will be used for this class period. The back door is for emergencies only.
- You may not use the restroom during the first or last ten minutes of class. You must raise your hand and get my permission to use the restroom. Excessive trips to the restroom will result in a cancellation of this privilege.

Use of Computers and cell phones:

- Students are permitted to use laptop computers, tablets, and smart phones during class time to complete their assignments. Use of these devices for activities not directly related to the subject being discussed in this classroom will not be permitted. Students that violate this rule will have their privileges suspended. The first time a device is being used for non-subject related material, a warning will be issued. For the second infraction, the device will be collected and returned at the end of the school day. If a third infraction occurs, the device will be collected and a parent will be required to come to my classroom to retrieve the item.

Classroom Procedures and Rules:

- **Rules:** In my room you must behave in a manner in which reflects the **Bison Creed**.
- **Consequences:**
- **1st Infraction: Verbal Warning**
- **2nd Infraction: Parent/Guardian Contact**
- **3rd Infraction: Detention**
- **4th Infraction: Support Specialist Contact**
- **5th Infraction: Conference with support contacts, common teachers and parents/guardians**
- **6th Infraction: Administrative Intervention**

HPC Vision Statement:

The community, parents, faculty, and students work as a family to provide motivation, communication, and opportunities to enhance success. Each member of the family interacts with each other with respect, integrity, and compassion. The faculty and staff recognize that all students can learn, but not all students learn in the same way and at the same rate, HPC provides opportunities for different learning styles in a structured and supportive environment. The students accept responsibility of becoming successful learners and citizens. Those leaving HPC are provided the skills necessary to function effectively and competitively in a global society.

Please let me know whether you have CONSISTENT computer/internet access at home. _____ YES ____ NO

Parent Name _____ Student Name _____

Parent E-Mail _____ Student E-mail _____

Parent Signature _____ Student Signature _____