

Welcome to Regents Chemistry!

Chemistry is a yearlong course that explores many different aspects of science. You will learn about matter and energy, proper measurement in science, atomic theory and structure, the periodic table, chemical bonding, chemical formulas, and chemical reactions. Other units include kinetic theory, redox reactions, kinetics and equilibrium, solubility and concentration, acids and bases, nuclear chemistry, and organic chemistry. As you can see, it is a course packed full of interesting information and **requires dedication** on your part and mine! Below are my commitments to my students and the expectations I have for you.

Together, I know we will make this year exciting and successful!

Regents Chemistry

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I Commit the Following to My Students:

1. To be prepared for each day
2. To create a safe and comfortable learning environment where everyone can voice his or her ideas.
3. To listen thoughtfully and attentively to you in any situation
4. To treat each of you with respect
5. To support and guide you in your academic endeavors throughout the year
6. To prepare you for the Regents exam in June! (Which you will all pass!!)

Communication:

- Starpoint email will be utilized for absence communication.
- Starpoint Teacher website and Google Classroom will be utilized for digital instruction and organization of all class material + reminders

Expectation For My Students:

1. Come to class prepared! For chemistry you will be required to have:

- A pencil or pen every class
- 3 Ring Binder/Folder
- Chromebook
- **Calculator (scientific is preferred because you can not use a graphing calculator on the Regents)**

2. Be Polite.

This is my guiding policy in regards to all interactions. Exercise politeness in my classroom, as I always will for you.

3. Come to class on time.

I start class when the bell rings so it is important that you be here on time so you don't miss any important information at the beginning of class. Tardiness will not be tolerated.

4. Hand in all homework and labs on time

See homework policy below.

REMEMBER: It is okay to be wrong, so please answer questions and take a risk every class! Take charge of your learning!

LAB

All labs must be turned in to receive Regents credit for the course. If you fail to hand in a lab it could jeopardize your eligibility to take the Regents exam in June. Additional information about lab procedures will be covered when you have lab. Lab is 20% of the course grade.

GRADE CALCULATIONS

For each marking period I will assign a variety of tests, quizzes, homework assignments, and in class activities. Each of these will be assigned a point value based on its difficulty, length, and amount of time and effort required to complete it. Your final course grade will be the result of each marking period and the final exam.

Tests	40%
Quizzes	20%
Homework	20%
Lab	20%

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework will be assigned at different points during a unit and is meant to help you understand the topics and concepts we cover in class. I will not collect every homework assignment for a grade, but we will go over every assignment in class. If you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to complete the virtual assignment for that day.

If you fail to hand in a homework assignment the day it is due, you will automatically receive a zero until it is turned in. At this point, the late completion will result in a 50% grade penalty.

Homework turned in after the assignment has already been returned will receive no credit unless it is completed with me, during a free period, by appointment.

REGENTS EXAM

The New York State Regents Exam will be given during Regents week in June. Only those students who have met the lab requirements for Regents Chemistry will be allowed to take the exam. You will need to purchase a Regents Review Book and use that as a study guide. More detailed information will be given later in the year. We will be doing practice regents questions throughout the year and I will use old Regents questions on my tests.

TESTS AND QUIZZES

- There will be 3-4 tests a marking period. There will usually be a review class held the day before a test. I will give NO surprise tests, and you are therefore expected to adequately prepare for the tests. **There will be NO test retakes.** Test corrections will be offered as a separate assignment.
- If you are absent on the day of the test you must take it the day you return to school.** Special considerations will be given if you have an extended absence or are facing extenuating circumstances.
- There will be short quizzes. **These assessments can be retaken to obtain a mastery score if you stay 10th period to review original quiz with me until the day of the unit test.** If you are absent on the day of the quiz, it is your responsibility to make it up before the unit test or keep the zero.

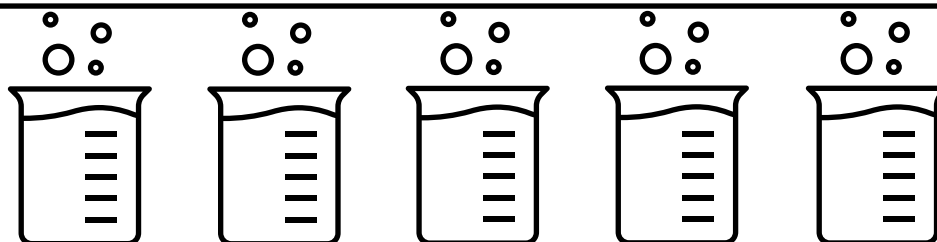
CLASS WEBSITE

Throughout the year, we will be utilizing many online resources and engaging in a variety of digital activities. Our class website is Starpoinlearns.weebly.com Here you can find class notes, assignments, extra credit, study guides and so much more! We will additionally use Google Classroom for digital assignments!

Other Considerations

It is important to know that we are all working towards the same goal: learning effectively within a safe and welcoming environment.

Please know that I am here to help and support you in any way that I can. I can be reached via Google Classroom and email and will be flexible to, and understanding of, the communicated needs of all my students.



Please read ALL the information above and have your parent or guardian read it as well.
You and your parent/guardian must sign below to indicate you have read it. This page must be returned to me by **September** _____

I _____(insert full student name here) have:

- read and agree to the chemistry grading and requirements as outlined above
- filled out the **STUDENT SURVEY** shared on Google Classroom
- gotten ready for an awesome year in chemistry!

Student Signature: _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Notes: