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Conference: AB1

Tutorials: Tue/Thurs. 8:00 AM—8:30 AM

Afternoons by appointment

Welcome to Honors Chemistry! I am so glad you are in my class! ---😊

MATERIALS NEEDED EACH DAY:

- Pen/pencil
- Large binder with dividers
- Notebook paper
- Scientific graphing calculator (TI 83 or TI 84)
- Graph paper
- Metric ruler

GRADING SCALE:

Minor Summative grades	30%
Major Summative grades	70%
Formative grades	0%

****Academic dishonesty is strictly prohibited. Grades will be updated weekly and can be viewed by parents and students using Parent Connection---HAC.

NOTE: Typically, there will be a minimum of three major summative grades recorded each quarter and a minimum of at least one minor summative grade per week. This may have some variances from time to time.

2018-2019 RHS GRADING POLICY: <http://www.dentonisd.org/Page/99575>

CLASS COMMUNICATION: I will try my best to keep students updated on test dates through the remind app. You may join your corresponding A/B day by text, mobile app, or email using the code below. To receive text messages text your code to 81010. You can use the link: [how to join REMIND](#) for information on how to access your Remind messages via text, app, or email.

Honors Chemistry A Day: @k7k8g

Honors Chemistry B Day: @2ce738

CLASS ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION:

Regular attendance in class contributes largely to your academic success. Attending a class involves more than merely filling a desk; it requires your active participation during the learning process. In Chemistry we cover a lot of technical information that builds as the year progresses. If you miss an early building concept it will greatly affect your abilities to do well later in the class. Make sure to complete all missed work as soon as possible.

BINDER:

You are required to keep a well-organized binder for this class— The purpose of this binder is to help you develop study and organization skills, as well as to increase the awareness of your progress in this class. Each unit of study will have information for you to keep in your binder. This information IS your study material for a Major Summative. This information may include:

- Periodic Table
- Class notes/vocabulary
- Learning Log for each unit
- Class handouts (formulas, equations, units, conversions)
- Formative assignments that are completed
- Lab Work

TEXTBOOKS:

I have a class set of textbooks to use in my classroom. Textbooks are also accessible online through the SSO Portal. Student sign in information is needed to access. The textbook is available by clicking on the link: [Holt McDougal Online - MyHRW](#) You can also go directly to the [SSO Portal](#) to access the textbook by clicking on the Holt McDougal Online app.

LABS:

Lab experiments are very important in Chemistry. The lab gives one “hands-on” experience for concepts being taught. The Lab “safety contract” is available on my webpage but I also give a handout to students. In order to participate in lab you must acknowledge and agree to the Lab Safety Rules that are available on my web page by signing the contract. This is necessary prior to doing the first experiment. —SAFETY IS **IMPORTANT!**

MAKE-UP WORK: School policy states you have the number of days you were absent plus one to make up work that you missed due to being absent.

CALCULATORS:

You will be required to *show your work* on ALL math problems. Just to have the correct answer is not enough. You must demonstrate the process you used to arrive at the correct answer. This will include: formula, numbers plugged-in to the formula, and answer. Full Credit will **NOT** be given unless you follow the above steps.

RESTROOM/LOCKER PRIVILEGES:

To maintain a safe and healthy school environment students are expected to be in class on time and to remain in the classroom during the time allotted. To maintain this safe and healthy environment restroom/locker passes will be kept to a minimum. Take care of restroom needs during the 7-minute passing period between classes. I do understand that emergencies may come up from time to time, but it will be the exception and not the rule. ---if you have a medical condition, please inform Mrs. Hope and show your health pass.

ASSESSMENT GRADES: [EXAMPLES]

Minor:

- Quizzes
- Exit Tickets
- Daily Assignments
- Lab Quizzes/Participation
- Lab Write-Up
- Learning Logs

Major:

- Unit Exams
- Research Papers
- Lab Tests
- Research Lab
- Projects
- Presentation

Re-Tests are available for students who make less than a 90 on their summative, **ONLY** if taken before the end of 4 school days and MUST have completed ALL formative work as indicated in HAC.

****NOTE:** Projects, Research papers, Presentations will not be returned to students. These are typically graded by a rubric. If so, you may receive a rubric back with your qualified grade.

Formative:

- Class Participation
- Informal Observation
- Lab Quizzes/Participation
- Worksheets completed in class
- Learning Logs
- Homework

Formative grades will be given in the gradebook weekly and/or daily. The formative grades count 0% for gpa BUT are required to RETEST. There are NO make-ups, re-do's, or late acceptance on formative work. A student's mastery on Major and Minor summative work IS reflective of the formative work completed.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES:

- Be in your seat by the tardy bell
- Bring required supplies to class
- NO FOOD OR SUGAR DRINKS PERMITTED IN CLASS
- NO USE OF Personal Electronic Devices in class. Phones are to be placed in a pocket assigned to each student on a wall hanger.
- Be prepared to turn in (Minor Summative) practice assignments, quizzes, labs, etc. during the allotted class time. Due to the new grading policy your work assigned during class is not homework. Your grade will be dependent upon completing assignments as allowed during class time.
- Stay in your seat until you are dismissed

PARENTS:

The best way to reach me is by [email](#). My phone is 940-369-3296. I cannot answer the phone during class, but I can read emails whenever I have a moment to do so. I will respond as soon as I can.

Thank you for supporting your child's effort in this class. Success in this course depends on your child completing all assigned classwork, homework, lab experiments, class attendance, participation and attention to class instruction so that quizzes and Unit Tests (Major and Minor Summatives) can reflect understanding.

Please sign the LAB SAFETY CONTACT that accompanies the Lab Safety Rules and return to me via your student. THANKS!!!