

WEST SENECA EAST SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL REGENTS CHEMISTRY

COURSE EXPECTATIONS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

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I. Outline of Course and Curriculum Expectations

A. Goals and Objectives

Every student will be able to obtain a broad base of knowledge in chemistry to prepare themselves for the Regents exam in June. Students will have opportunities to develop their ability to problem solve through teacher example, laboratory experiences and practice. Activities in the laboratory not only provide a hands-on experience for students interested in laboratory-oriented occupations but are also a basis on which concepts in the classroom are built. Interrelationships among chemistry, biology, physics and math will become more apparent to the student as the year progresses.

B. Classroom Policies

1. Classroom participation is an important aspect of any course. Our classroom will include individual and group work, lecture, and teacher and/or student demonstration.
2. **ALL work missed during an absence is expected to be made up immediately.**
 - **All homework that was due during your absence or assigned during your absence is to be handed in the next time you attend class or your grade on these assignments will be a zero.**
 - **Absolutely NO excuses! My notes and assignments are online. Students must be proactive and responsible and contact me the day they return to school, not when they return to class.**
 - **Tests are expected be made up during class the next class day you return to school. Please make arrangements if additional time is required.**
3. Any work that is copied (homework, **lab reports**, tests, etc.) will result in a grade of zero for the student who did the copying AND the person they copied from. There will be NO exceptions!

C. Student Expectations

1. Students will have an assignment each day of class. If the assignment is not a written one, the student will be expected to study their notes that night in preparation for a future quiz or test. Studying should be an ongoing process, not something that occurs on the night before a quiz or test.
2. Accurate notes are expected to be taken and kept in an organized notebook. When absent from school, you should get the notes you missed on the first day you return to school. If you have difficulty understanding the material, make an appointment with me or check my school webpage.
3. Chemistry is not a subject that can be learned from a book. Your **attendance** and **attention** in class are the most important criteria for your success in this course. Don't shortchange yourself!

D. General Classroom Rules

1. Be respectful.
2. Take responsibility.
3. Organize and prioritize.
4. Listen actively.
5. **No cell phones, ipods or earbuds during class.**
6. Unless it is an emergency, passes will only be given before class or in the last 10 minutes of class.

II. Evaluation Criteria

Quarterly averages will be based on the following:

- A. Tests - 50% (approximately 3 tests per marking period)
- B. Quizzes – 30% unannounced
- C. Laboratory reports - 10% (approximately 7 per marking period)
- D. Homework, class work, class participation - 10%

Parent/teacher/student conferences and after-school remediation or extended learning opportunities will be scheduled for students having academic, attitudinal or behavioral difficulties.

I am looking forward to working with your son/daughter this year. Please feel free to contact me regarding any problems or concerns that you may have. My phone number is **677-3300 ext. 4191** and my email address is tzielinski@wscschools.org