

## Chemistry A Mr. DeBruyckere

Textbook: Chemistry by Myers, Oldham and Tocci

In order to guarantee all students in the classroom the excellent learning climate they deserve, the following basic classroom rules have been adopted:

**Come to class on time prepared to learn.**

**Contribute creatively, productively and responsibly during all class activities.**

**Respect everyone, this includes space, property, and ideas.**

**Use correct manners and appropriate language.**

**Food/Beverages** Food or beverages are not allowed in the classroom by OSHA rules. Students who bring food or beverages to class will have them confiscated.

**MP3 type devices:** Students are expected to spend chemistry time on chemistry. A student may listen to iPods and similar devices with earphones after completing a test. At other times there should be some chemistry work for the student to complete.

### **Consequences of failure to follow rules:**

Student will be given a verbal warning.

Student will be held after class to discuss incident, discipline report will be filled out and sent to Dean of Students Office and a copy will be sent home to parents. Parents will be contacted by the classroom teacher.

Detention will be assigned to be completed with the classroom teacher. A discipline report will be filled out and a copy will be sent to the parents. Parents will be contacted by the Dean of Students.

Student will be removed from the class and sent to the office. A parent, student, and administrator conference will be held to re-admit the student into the classroom.

In cases of extreme disruptive behavior, steps one through three will be by-passed and the student will be removed from the class and sent to the Principal's Office.

**Tardy:** After the 2<sup>nd</sup> tardy the student will be assigned 1/2 hour of detention to be made up the same day or the next day. Students who fail to complete the detention will be referred to the Dean of Students. For the 5<sup>th</sup> and all additional tardies the student will receive 45 minutes of office detention. Missing more than 5 minutes of class is an absence, not a tardy. After the 6<sup>th</sup> absence the class becomes pass/fail, even if all 6 are 6 minute "tardies".

**Planners:** If a student wishes to leave the room, he or she must get the teacher's permission and carry his or her classroom planner (it contains the student passes).

Consequences of failure to follow rules:

### **Academic Dishonesty:**

Students are expected to conduct themselves honestly and with integrity in their work. All forms of cheating and plagiarism are prohibited. Behavior that is unacceptable includes, but is not limited to:

- Copying another student's homework
- Working with others on projects that are meant to be done individually
- Looking at or copying another student's test or quiz answers
- Allowing another student to look at or copy answers from your test or quiz
- Using any other method to get/give test or quiz answers
- Taking a test or quiz in part or in whole to use or to give others
- Copying information from a source without proper attribution
- Taking papers from other students, publications, or the Internet

Violators will be disciplined on a case-by-case basis. Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to, redoing assignment/retaking test, receiving a failing grade or a lower grade, detention, suspension, or expulsion.

### **Grading policy:**

- Tests:** Tests will make up 36% your grade. If you are absent for a test you must schedule a make up test with Mr. DeBruyckere. If you wish to take the same test you will need to have it completed before school starts the next school day. In any other situation the makeup test will be a different version. Re-tests will be oral and **may** result in the grade being the average of the tests. The trimester final is a separate test that will be 10% of the trimester grade.
- Homework:** To be successful at chemistry, you must practice your work. Homework will be assigned at the beginning of each unit. Homework answers will be provided. Homework will be collected and checked on a regular basis. Not every problem will be graded but missing problems or work will result in lower homework scores. You **must show your work** for credit. This will count 18% of your trimester grade.
- Daily Quizzes:** Daily quizzes will make up 18% of your grade. This could be on any reading assignment or a review problem from the first day through the concepts from the previous day. Absent students will not be able to make up the quiz, and the points will not be figured into the grade. These quizzes will usually be graded in class by your classmates. **If you do not wish anyone else to know your results, you should put your ID number on the quiz instead of your name.**
- Laboratory Reports:** Lab reports make up 18% of your grade. Lab reports will not be accepted for experiments that you have not performed. If you miss a lab, you may make it up before or after school, or by special arrangement.
- Final Test:** The final test will be a comprehensive lab that will count 10% of your trimester grade.
- Late Work Penalty:** Work turned in late will receive a penalty of 20% of the total possible points for each school day it is late. Work is late if not in by the end of the class period. If you are ill you have two days to make up work for each day you missed school because of illness. If you are absent for other reasons (including field trips and sporting events) you have one day to make up work for each day you missed. If your work is late because of an absence mark "Absent" at the top so Mr. DeBruyckere doesn't penalize you for having late work.
- Grades. The minimum needed for grades are as follows:
 

A 93%	A- 90%	B+ 87%	B 83%	B- 80%	C+ 77%
C 73%	C- 70%	D+ 67%	D 63%	D- 60%	
- Safety in a science laboratory is an important concern. Anyone showing disregard for safety precautions, a lack of respect for equipment, or "just fooling around", will be expelled from the class.
- Study time. You will be given time in class to work on homework or to practice solving problems. You are expected to use this time to study chemistry. Study time is **NOT** a time to get a drink, use the bathroom, make phone calls or talk with your buddy. During this time I will be available to assist you with your problems or questions. I would also recommend that you find a study partner. Sharing ideas and working problems together can be one of the most effective ways of learning chemistry. If you want to be successful at chemistry you will need to spend about 20 minutes **every day** studying chemistry. Putting in 200 minutes the night before the test will not be good enough.
- Calculators: You will be at a disadvantage in this class if you do not have a scientific calculator for your regular use. Graphing calculators are not necessary, and unless you know how to use them, graphing calculators may cause more problems than they help to solve.
- Student Grades: It is the responsibility of the individual student to check grades for accuracy. Grades will be posted on a regular basis (at least after each test). It is the student's responsibility to check for missing or late work.

Mr. DeBruyckere

I will be at school before 6 am each morning. Students that miss class time are encouraged to make up that time before school.

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**Course outcomes:** Students will be presented with opportunities to learn about basic atomic structure, nuclear reactions, interactions between atoms in chemical bonding, and math relationships in chemical bonding.

Instructor: I have read and fully understand the basic rules for student behavior in your classroom.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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