

# Welcome to 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Chemistry

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## Course Overview

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Chemistry is a 2 semester course comprised of the following units over the course of the year: **Properties of Matter, Atomic Structure, Periodic Trends, Chemical Bonding & Formulas, Chemical Equations & Reactions, Acid-Base Reactions, and Measurement & Data Processing.** Students will develop an understanding of the scientific skills essential for both further study at IB level and fulfilling their High School requirements for the science.

## Student Responsibilities

- Have Academic Honor & Meeting Deadlines
- Respect for self and others; respect for the learning environment and school rules
- Arriving on time with the required materials and prepared to learn
- Hard work, curiosity, enthusiasm, and collaboration
- Courage to come forward when having difficulty and not understanding the material

## Learning Materials

- Binder containing lined notebook paper and graph paper
- Scientific Calculator
- Blue & Black Ballpoint Pens (other colors encouraged for some activities requiring creativity)
- Pencils with erasers
- USB drive
- Laptop

## Assessments

- Formative assessments measure a student's progress throughout a period of instruction (i.e. homework, rough drafts/initial attempts, homework, dress rehearsals, etc.). Formative assessments receive feedback designed to help students improve (i.e. comments, peer editing, etc.).
- Summative assessments measure a student's achievement at the end of a period of instruction (i.e. quizzes, tests, exams, final drafts, lab reports, projects, and performances, etc.). Summative assessments count for a student's final grade in the course.

## Retake Policy

The purpose of the retake policy is for students to have another opportunity show their understanding of content. Therefore the following policies will be upheld in Chemistry:

- **Quizzes** – Unit tests will give students the opportunity to show further understanding of content that was on all unit quizzes.
- **Tests** – Retakes dates will be held within one week of receiving feedback. These dates will be given in advance. To be eligible for a retake students can have no missing work, students must email Mrs.

Page with the retake form completed at least 2 days before the scheduled retake, and students must submit **all** required extra practice work before the retake.

- **Lab Reports** – Labs are a performance based activity, therefore labs cannot be redone for credit. It is not feasible to recreate a lab situation after it has already been completed

### **Late Assignments**

- Students are expected to submit assignments before the designated deadlines. Meeting deadlines requires responsibility and students should manage their time and prioritize so deadlines are successfully met.
  - To support students' efforts in meeting this expectation, teachers shall
    - (a) announce deadlines in advance
    - (b) provide sufficient time as determined by their professional judgment
    - (c) post assignments and their deadlines on the assignment calendar.
- If formative assessments are not submitted by the due date given, students cannot expect feedback.
- If summative assessments are not submitted by the due date given, students will be expected to email parents and carbon copy teacher. Assessments should be submitted by the following class period or students will be expected to stay after school to complete assignments that school day. (See HS Student handbook for late work policy.)

### **Academic honesty policy**

I value integrity and therefore expect students to be honest at all times. Students should always complete their own work and appropriately cite sources when using other people's work. During tests and quizzes all electronic devices must be turned off and turned in to the teacher. Although students may work collaboratively during some class activities and labs, it is expected that all assessments be completed individually and to the best of your ability. Please see the Academic Honesty Policy in the Student Handbook for more details.

### **Classroom Expectations**

It is your responsibility to read the school handbook and follow all school rules while you are at school and in class. There are, however, a few key items to remember:

- Be **respectful** of the teacher and your fellow students.
- Attendance and completion of your work is key to your success.
- Be on time and come to class prepared to learn.
- If you are present at school, you are expected to be in class.
- Turn in your work on time.
- Cheating and plagiarism are undignified and disrespectful. Only your own work will be accepted. The Academic Honesty policy will be enforced for all infractions.
- Use common sense in all matters. If you think that your behavior is inappropriate, then it probably is!

### **Course Website**

All assignments, rubrics, learning resources, calendar and any other important information will be placed on the class site ([www.mrspage.com](http://www.mrspage.com)). It is your responsibility to keep checking here and to know where resources are located on the site.

### **Textbook**

*Modern Chemistry*, Holt ,Rinehart Winston (Use this book for Reference)