



# General Chemistry

Ignite, Engage, Encourage, and Expect Excellence

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## **Contact Information**

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<b>Classroom:</b> A-1220	A-1304	A-1300	A-1302
<b>Availability:</b> before & after school	before & after school	before & after school	before & after school

### *Required Materials:*

- Scientific calculator (w/ an exponent key)
- Metric ruler
- Colored pencils and/or markers
- Pencil sharpener (for colored pencils)
- Graph paper (no spiral or bound notebooks)
- 3-ring binder or folder for all work
- 1 box of Kleenex

### *Grading:*

- Homework 10%
- Laboratories 30%
- Assessments (Quizzes & Exams) 60%

The final exam is worth 20% of the semester grade. Thus all assessments, labs and homework consist of 80% of the total semester grade.

**Laboratories:** It is the responsibility of the student to print off all laboratories before class begins. Students should plan accordingly to accommodate any technology difficulties that may arise. Those individuals unable to print the laboratory should communicate with the teacher in advance.

**Homework:** Homework is assigned on a daily basis and is due at the beginning of class (before the bell rings).

**Grades:** Grades will be updated at a minimum of every three weeks for athletic eligibility. Late work will be posted in the next eligibility period. It is the responsibility that students who are involved in extra-curricular activities turn in absent assignments as outlined in the student handbook.

The teacher reserves the right to amend or adjust the content and policies at any time. Prior notification will be given to students. It is the student's responsibility to discuss the changes with their parent/guardian.

***Make-up and Late Policy for Homework and Labs:*** Students are responsible for making up all absent work according to PRHS make-up policy as outlined in the student handbook. It is the responsibility of the student to make time to complete all homework and laboratories. Those assignments that are not made up during the appropriate time will be considered late and will follow the late policy outlined below.

All late homework and laboratories operate under the same late policy. Assignments are due at the beginning of the class (when the bell rings) and are considered late if submitted after the bell rings. Students have two weeks or by the end of the unit to make up the assignment for 50% after which it is zeroed out. Long term assignments such as homework packets are due the day the student returns to school.

***Make-up and Late Policy for Assessments:*** Students who have an excused absence on the day a quiz or exam is administered will have the specified two physical days to make it up, according to the PRHS Student Handbook. Students who take the missed assessment within the two-day make-up period will be eligible for any curve that *may* have been given. Students who take an assessment *after* the specified make-up policy will NOT receive the curve that *may* be given.

It is the responsibility of the student to communicate with the teacher regarding pre-arranged or school-related absences. Students who miss the class period before an assessment is given due to a pre-arranged or school-related absence is still expected to take the assessment on the day they return. It is highly recommended that students be pro-active in completing assignments and assessments prior to absence. This will help keep the student up to pace when s/he returns to class.

There is NO extra credit.

***Classroom Behavior:*** Talking during a lecture, sleeping, misuse of class or lab materials or distracting classmates will not be tolerated. Students who cannot handle being in the classroom will be removed.

Additionally:

*Food and Drink:* Only covered water bottles will be allowed in the class portion of the room. No other drink will be allowed.

ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD!

*Electronic Devices:* No electronic devices (cell phones, iPods) may be used during class unless teacher instigated. If a student has an electronic device out it will be confiscated and turned in to the grade level secretary. Students can pick up confiscated electronics at the end of the day.

*Dishonesty:* Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated and will result in no credit for the assignment, exam, quiz or lab. Parents/guardians will be notified immediately and further action may be taken.

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