

SHAWLER: CHEMISTRY

A. Grades

The grading scale will essentially follow the school policy outlined in the handbooks. You will be kept up to date with your most current grade, either individually or through progress reports. You may also wish to gain access to *powerschool* to check your grades online at anytime. (Parents can get passwords for this)

Grades will come from a variety of sources including: **quizzes, pop-quizzes, tests, homework, labs and lab reports**. There will be **no extra credit** given. If you want a good grade, you will **earn** it. However, **bonus points** may be earned on tests by making flash cards and turning them in before the test. (50 notecards = 10points) Also, coupons can be earned for "job well done!"

Tests =60% Daily work is 40%

* The exemption policy will be followed...

Grades will be determined using the point method, then converted to percent...

**Grading scale: 100-90 A; 89-80 B; 79-70 C; 69 or below F*

B. Late / Missed Work

If you miss any days of school, it is **your responsibility** to make up any missed work. Late Work is not condoned! **REMEMBER... every point counts!! Zeros are not good!!!** If you miss a lab, you have the option to write a 2-3 page/typed double spaced paper on the topic if you cannot arrange to make up the lab itself. See me for details. If neither is accomplished, a zero will result.

C. Classroom Rules

- Show respect to yourself, to others, and the classroom. Moreover, be respectful when the teacher or other classmates are speaking.
- Raise your hands to be called on
- Be attentive and on task during class
- Do not be tardy
- Be in your seat when the bell rings
- No cheating will be tolerated!
- No food or drinks in the classroom!
- No sleeping! (or heads down)!
- Have materials when you enter the room!
- Use the restroom between classes, not during class...

**Note: All rules can change at any time according to the teacher's discretion. Furthermore, all the rules in your handbook/safety contract apply as well. At any time, I can call a parent even on the first offense.*

D. Discipline

Positive Consequences: 1) Coupons
2) Bonus Points
3) Positive phone calls and/or notes to parents
4) Class special privileges

Negative Consequences: 1st warning: Verbal Warning / Student Conference
2nd warning: In-house lunch detention (Other forms of detention are also available at my discretion)
3rd warning: Official write-up, parents notified, administration decides punishment

EMERGENCY CLAUSE: Call to office, sent immediately

Note: If any detentions are not served, an automatic office referral will be issued. No refusals or arguments will be accepted!!

E. Expectations

I expect 100% from every student! In my opinion, hard work means more than anything. Do not let me catch you being **lazy**. I get to school about 7:15 each morning. So, if you need help feel free to come in and see me. Other times can be arranged. Remember, I am here for you!

F. Attendance

- * Attendance policies of school will be enforced
- * Be in class and in your seat when the bell rings ready to learn
- * Higher grades correspond with good attendance
- * **50 bonus points** will be awarded for **perfect** attendance (25 pts. for each grading term)
- * Tardiness will not be tolerated!!

G. Course Outline

This is a *tentative* outline of the material that will be covered in this course throughout the block. This is an eighteen week or full block course.

Unit 1: Finding Order: Atomic Structure, Energy, and Moles

Unit 2: Finding Patterns: Organizing Chemical Knowledge on the Periodic Table

Unit 3: Exploring Change: Bonds, Energy, and Reactions

Unit 4: Exploring Systems: Reactions and Conditions

H. Materials List

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| - 1" binder | - Lined index cards |
| - #2 pencils | - Hi-lighters |
| - Pens (blue or black) | - Paper (college rule preferably) |
| - Computer Access** | |

Parents and Student, after reading this syllabus carefully, please sign and return these policies to the classroom. If for any reason you need to communicate with me, call the school at (706) 276-5080 or email me at the address below. Thank you.

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Date: _____

I am looking forward to a great year!! Hopefully, you are as excited as I am!

Let's get started....

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