

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The following pages are a list of rules and procedures of the classroom. I feel it is imperative that you be familiar with what is expected of your son or daughter in their Chemistry Class. If your child is having any trouble in class I advise them to seek extra help after school with me, through the learning center, personal tutor or web tutorials. I am very willing to help out with any problems my students may encounter with the material in class.

Your child will be challenged in this class and many high expectations will be set for them. The intent of the course will help prepare students to explain accurately and with depth, concepts and models relating to chemistry. Instruction will be focus on the understanding of concepts, relationships, processes, mechanisms, models and applications. Skills that students will obtain include the ability to explain, analyze and interpret chemical processes and phenomena and to use scientific inquiry to problem solve. It will also help them use the principles of chemistry to think more intelligently about current issues they will encounter that involve science and technology.

Students will be required to bring their Prentice Hall Chemistry review book to class and will be assigned homework from this book. I will also be using the website Castle Learning in class as well as for homework assignments. They can access this site through the Kenmore East webpage. Grading will be based primarily on test and quiz scores, attendance, homework, labs and class participation. There will be cumulative tests at 10, 20 and 30 weeks covering all the material presented to that point.

According to NY State Department of Education, **ALL** students must complete a minimum of **1200** minutes of laboratory work and submit the corresponding laboratory reports in order to be eligible to take the Regents exam. The labs must be completed satisfactorily to be eligible for the Regent's exam in June.

I hope I can make science an exciting and interesting class for your child. I also hope I will be able to motivate them towards success in the classroom and allow them to appreciate the importance of Science in today's society.

After you have looked through the rules would you please sign the last page and have your child return it with them the following day. If you wish to contact me, I can be reached through the main office (874-8402).

Sincerely;

Shelly Connelly

CLASSROOM RULES Regents Chemisty 2014-2015

- 1. BE PREPARED FOR CLASS & LAB!!!** ** See below for materials** Bring materials, agenda, homework. Be organized!!
- 2. BE ON TIME, IN YOUR SEAT, AND READY TO BEGIN WHEN BELL RINGS!!!** Do not wait for me to start the class. Your homework and notes should be on your desk **before** the bell rings. Copy down homework for the next day and start any bell work.
- 3. BE RESPECTFUL TO OTHERS WHETHER THEY ARE TEACHERS OR PEERS!!!**
We are in this together.
- 4. DO THE BEST THAT YOU CAN DO!!!** Stay on top of your studies and do not get frustrated! *Get help when needed!!!* Any missed work is **your** responsibility and should be picked up before the next class.
- 5. PLEASE NO FOOD IN CLASS!!!** You may have water if it has a cap.
- 6. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WRITING ON THE DESKS OR LAB TABLES!!!** You will be responsible for cleaning them if you are found to be writing on them!! I will keep track. All purses, bags, and/or back packs on floor!!
- 7. CELL PHONES ARE PROHIBITED IN CLASS!!** I will take it away. It is very disrespectful to be texting in someone's class while instruction is taking place.
Also, homework should be done **at home** not in my class!!

Remember:

If you choose to break rules, be prepared for the consequence!

Do not give me attitude for holding you accountable!

It is all about the choices that you make, so choose wisely!!

The breaking of any of the above rules will result in disciplinary action as specified in the Kenmore East Disciplinary Code, unless stated differently above.

****Materials****

Class	Lab
3 ring binder w/ dividers and paper	Lab Folder w/ paper
Pen, #2 pencil, highlighter, simple scientific calculator	Pen , pencil, calculator
Prentice hall Review Book	Reference tables
Chemistry Reference Tables	

GRADING POLICIES

****Sign up for class reminders sent via text**

Please see policy page on my website to subscribe**

Test & quizzes	60%
Lab Reports	20%
Homework/participation	20%

MAINTAINING 100% HOMEWORK GRADE

*All homework assignments must be handed in during a 10-week marking period on time and receive a satisfactory or better, every missed homework assignment is 5 points deducted from your grade of 100
*You must be prepared for class daily and record all assignments
* All class absences must be legal

CHEMISTRY LABORATORY POLICIES

Lab Safety

Safety Rules in the lab will be strictly enforced. There are no exceptions! Any student who is not practicing safety in the lab will be asked to leave the lab area, and will receive a zero for the lab. (lab safety will be carefully reviewed in lab class and a safety document will be signed before beginning lab)

TIME FRAME

1. All labs are due the following lab day. It is suggested that you complete the lab report for homework the day you have lab. **Late labs DO NOT RECEIVE FULL CREDIT**
2. Lab make-ups due to a legal absence must be made up during the following scheduled laboratory periods* or after school with a lab instructor and/or chemistry teacher, before the end of that particular marking period.

NOTE: Any labs done during a marking period **MUST** be satisfactorily completed by the end of that particular marking period. It is in your best interest to make up labs immediately. I have the right to refuse to make up a lab.

* Scheduled laboratory periods

Day	Lab Period Rm 349
3	Period 3
TBA	Early Morning

*See your teacher to schedule an appointment
*Students will not be permitted to make up a lab from a previous marking period.



I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year with all of you!



My room is always open after school—I encourage all students to take advantage of this!

Good Luck this school year and I wish you all the best,

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

