

Course Contract: Chemistry I – Mr. Scott Zarnegar

Credits: A = 0.5 B = 0.5

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OVERVIEW:

Chemistry I is a first year chemistry course that serves as an introduction to many central topics in the area of chemistry. It is split into Chem A and Chem B, each one trimester. Chemistry will help prepare students for further science classes at South, including Physics, Anatomy, Biology II (AP), and Chemistry II (AP), and is a good foundational class for any student hoping to progress in the study of science and medicine.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) **Attend every class.** Five unexcused absences will automatically give you less than full credit. Chemistry is a subject that builds on itself, and if you miss a lot of class, you will affect your understanding of the subject. ***If you have an excused absence, see the webpage for your makeup work. The work will then be due a day after you return, unless it is a special case*** (sickness with doctor's note, etc).
- 2) **Don't be tardy.** Tardiness will have a negative effect on your participation grade. You should be in your seat when the bell rings and be ready to start class.
- 3) **Follow the webpage.** Keep current with all of your work by checking my webpage.
- 4) **Stay organized.** Keep your notebook highly organized and undamaged. It is like your brain on the outside, use it accordingly.
- 5) **Participate in class.** Make sure you use your class time wisely by working through the example problems and staying engaged during lecture. Do your own homework and expect to put in extra effort to learn every concept. Chemistry can be difficult for some, but if you take ownership of your knowledge and work hard, you will succeed.
- 6) **Be aware and kind.** Be aware of how your words and actions affect others. Use your faculties to create a classroom environment that is enjoyable and safe for all involved.

GRADING:

1.) Weighted Categories:	<u>% of total grade</u>
Class/Home work	30 %
Quizzes	40 %
Labs	20 %
Final Exam	10 %

- 2) **Late Work** - I do not accept late homework. Late labs will receive a 50% deduction in grade.

LAB CONDUCT

Experiments in science can be hazardous. Horseplay in the lab will not be tolerated. Also, goggles must be worn at all times in the lab - no exceptions. We will review another sheet of specific lab conduct before entering the lab. Failure to follow the lab rules may result in expulsion from the lab and even expulsion from the class!

MATERIALS REQUIRED

- 1) **Textbook** (*Modern Chemistry*, HMH Publishing, 2017)
- 2) A **sturdy Notebook** (or a dedicated section of a three ring binder)
- 3) A **calculator** with scientific notation and common log functions
- 4) **Pencil, looseleaf paper** daily

Student: I have read this course contract and I agree to abide by the above guidelines.

Parent: I have read this course contract and I agree to help my student abide by the above guidelines.

Student Name Student Signature Chem per.

Parent Name Parent Signature Date

Parent Phone Parent Email

Dear Parent, please feel free to email me at any time with any concern or comment. I'd like to hear from you! I'm on email every day, and we can arrange a phone conversation or a face-to-face meeting if that seems best. I have reviewed all 504 plans and IEPs and will implement them fully.