

Honors Chemistry

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- I. Homework is a very important part of the learning process in this Chemistry course. The successful completion of homework will enable the student to more easily understand Chemistry principles, and perform better on tests, quizzes, and labs.
 - A. Homework is given 3-4 times per week, however usually not on the weekend.
 - B. Assignments may take the form of reading, answering questions from the textbook, completion of laboratory work, and studying for quizzes and tests.
 - C. Homework assignments are completed in the notebook and checked the following day. Each homework assignment is dated and initialed by me. If the homework is not completed, it is dated with an NH instead.
 - D. All homework assignments must be fully completed and on time, for credit. They are not graded for correctness, but rather for completeness. Homework is part of the learning process, not a test.
 - E. Students are expected to obtain the homework assignment if they are absent on a particular day. They have the names and addresses of 5 classmates in the front of their notebooks and all assignments are posted on the website. Extended absences will be handled on an individual basis.
 - F. If you are unsure whether or not your child is keeping up with the homework, check their notebook for my initials or NH.
- II. Notebooks with the homework are graded on the same day a test is given. This grade counts as 20 points each time it is graded. Homework counts as 60% of this grade or 12 points.
- III. Tests are given 3-4 times a marking period and have a value of 100 points each. The tests are designed to prepare the students for the SAT II and Regents Chemistry exams in June and contain multiple choice and free response questions.
 - A. A quarterly cumulative exam is given at the end of each quarter. The grade, if higher, will replace the lowest test grade of the quarter.
- IV. Labs are given 6-8 times in a marking period and are fairly complex. They provide hands on experience to the students to enhance the classwork. Each lab has a value of 30 points.
 - A. The students are given 2 lab period days after the completion of the lab work to write up and turn in the lab as a group. This is a cooperative learning component of the grade and requires the students to work together for the completion of the assignment
- V. Quizzes are given randomly and vary in value from 5 – 40 points
- VI. The total average is obtained by adding all points obtained by the student in each activity and divided by the total points for those activities.

