

Physics Classroom Expectations

Classroom Behavior

All students will be required to adhere to the following classroom policies:

Be Prepared

1. Come to class with the appropriate materials including paper, pencil/pen, calculator, and any other materials necessary for the day's activities.
2. Enter the classroom with the appropriate attitude for learning.
3. Be punctual, in your seat and ready to learn when the tardy bell rings.
4. Cell Phones, pagers, CD & MP3 players may not be operated in the classroom.

Be Respectful

1. Be a courteous and attentive listener whenever the instructor or fellow classmates are making a presentation to the class.
2. Respect the personal property of the instructor and fellow classmates. Ask before you borrow.
3. Remove hats prior to entering the classroom.
4. No foul or inappropriate language. This is a learning environment.
5. Follow all directions or instructions given by the teacher.

Be Neat

1. All work to be turned in should be done in a neat and legible manner and should include the proper identification. (Name, date, period, name of course, and assignment.)
2. Food and drink will not be allowed in the classroom. (water is an exception)
3. Gum chewing is forbidden.

Grading System

All students' grades will be determined according to the following criteria:

1. Exams will comprise 50% of your grade.
2. Labs will comprise 20% of your grade.
3. Quizzes will comprise 10% of your grade.
4. The remaining 20% will consist of homework and class work.

Students will receive a letter grade for each of the items in the above categories. The letter grades will be averaged for that particular category and a final grade will be determined.

Final Exam

The final exams will be worth 10 - 15% of your semester grade. All students will be required to take the final at the end of each semester.

Make-up Work

If you are absent, it is the student's responsibility to find out what work was missed and to make it up in the appropriate time period. Sources for identifying the work missed include the instructor, fellow chemistry students, or the class web site. Times may be arranged with the instructor to make up tests and quizzes. Any and all assignments which are collected while you are absent must be turned in no later than 1 week after you return to school. This includes quizzes and tests.

Late Work

Assignments turned in past the due date will not be accepted. Special circumstances must be discussed with the instructor. Students will have opportunities to make-up missing assignments with extra credit.

Tardies

Tardies will be dealt with according to the school policy outlined in the student handbook.

Classroom Activities

Warm-ups

At the beginning of most class sessions a warm-up activity will be placed on the board. This activity will pertain to something learned during previous class sessions. When the Warm-up sheet is filled (8 warm-ups) it may be used as an extra credit homework or classwork assignment. In order to get credit for the warm-up the student must be on time to class and provide the correct answer to the activity.

Homework and classwork

Homework and class work assignments will be given throughout the week. As a result of block scheduling students will have 2 days to complete the assignment. Homework normally will not be given over the weekend. Homework and class work will be collected as a packet on the first day of class after the unit exam. Packets will be graded by the instructor and returned.

Labs

There will be approximately 1 lab per week. Most of the time a formal or modified lab write-up will be required. Lab reports will be collected 1 - 2 class sessions after the assigned lab. For every day that a lab report is late the student will lose one letter grade.

Quizzes

Quizzes will be given approximately 1 per week. Quizzes may be unannounced.

Exams

There will be 1 exam for each unit of study. Depending upon the length of the unit, exams will be given every 2 - 3 weeks. Exams will cover all material in the unit of study.

I have read the above information and understand the expectations required of me for this course. I agree to take academic responsibility for my progress in the class.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____