

“The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.” - Plutarch

## Welcome to CP Chemistry!

### Teacher Information:

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### Course Description:

Chemistry is the study of matter and how it changes. It is a *college prep course* and meets the UC and CSU requirements for a Lab-Based Physical Science. It *requires* memorization, competent math skills, abstract thinking, technical reading ability, good lab skills, and complex problem solving skills.

To be successful in chemistry you must take responsibility for individual learning and maintain a good work ethic. The units of study are listed below:

Semester 1: *Alchemy* (Atoms, Molecules, & Compounds)  
*Smells* (Molecular Structure & Properties)  
*Toxins* (Chemical Reactions & Stoichiometry)

Semester 2: *Toxins* (continued)  
*Weather* (Gas Laws & Phase Change)  
*Fire* (Energy & Thermochemistry)

### Grading Policy:

• Grades will be assessed as follows:

- HW Quizzes: 15%
- Tests: 50%
- Notebook/classwork/labs: 25%
- Final: 10%

Grades will be assigned as follows:

- A = 90-100%
- B = 80-89%
- C = 70-79%
- D = 60-69%
- F = Below 60%

### Required Materials:

*\*\* It is imperative that you bring these materials with you EVERY DAY!*

- **Chemistry-specific** spiral notebook (5-subject notebook)--light colored cover
- Pencil & Pen
- Scientific Calculator (**Cell phone or iPod calculators will NOT be accepted!**)

### Classroom Expectations:

1. **Respect:** For yourself, classmates, and teachers. FYI: Discipline is required to achieve this expectation. I will need your cooperation.
2. **Follow Directions:** Please follow all verbal and written instructions, they are there for your safety and your learning. **Safety** is a number one concern in the science classroom, so please **follow directions**.
3. **Be Prepared and Be Responsible:** Come to class prepared with all required materials. Accept responsibility for grades and other consequences.
4. **No food, cell phones, iPods, or any other personal electronic devices in the classroom:** Except water bottles. *This is a school-wide policy!!*
5. **Any misbehavior or inappropriate actions will receive consequences:** Keep your hands, arms, feet, and objects to yourself. **Talk when appropriate.** And follow directions.

### Absences and Other Policies:

- **Absences:** Please attend class everyday. If you miss a class (or classes) due to an excused absence, you will need to make up the assignment by yourself by watching the assigned online video tutorial and completing the note-taking guide, which will replace the class lesson. Attach the note-taking guide in your notebook where the rest of the class recorded the class lesson. You are still responsible for completing the lesson's homework assignment. You never want to get behind in a class like chemistry! Check my website for *the link to the video tutorial!!!*
- **Tardy Policy:** A tardy student disrupts instruction and student learning. Therefore, the school tardy policy will be strictly followed.
- **DON'T CHEAT! DO YOUR OWN WORK!** No credit will be given for work that is copied or for work that is loaned to another student to be copied. Likewise, any work that is **plagiarized** will receive a zero and the student will be referred to administration. **Bottom Line:** Do your own work and keep it to yourself.

