

Syllabus

Wachusett Regional High School
1401 Main Street
Holden, MA 10520

Course Title: College Prep Chemistry
Course Instructor: Richard Herbst
Course Text: Modern Chemistry

Course Description:

This course will cover the basic principles of the makeup and transformation of substances. The composition of matter, quantitative aspects of matter, and its interaction in chemical equations are studied. Emphasis is on the discovery of chemical principles through laboratory experimentation. Skills and techniques in handling materials safely and applying chemical concepts to every day life will be developed.

Course Requirements:

During this course you can expect several **announced full period tests**, a two-hour comprehensive final, **many unannounced quizzes**, and periodic checks of homework assignments. Tests and quizzes will cover material covered in homework, lab, or lecture. Your grade will be derived using a point system, the total points earned will be divided by the total points available, then multiplied by 100% for your grade average. Tests will average 100 points, labs and quizzes will vary between 10 – 50 points, depending on the amount of work involved. Homework will be factored into your grade at the end of the term. Always having your homework turned in on time will gain you added points on your final term average, however missing homework assignments will deduct from your final term average.

Classroom Expectations:

Students are required to be present and on time for every class.

Late written assignments such as labs or projects will be accepted **one day late for 50%** credit. Late homework will **not** be accepted. Notebooks are required, and I only allow simple calculators for tests and quizzes (graphing calculators will not be allowed).

If you are legitimately absent you should obtain any missed notes from your fellow students. If absent on the day of a known test or quiz, you will be expected to take that exam on the very next day you are present in class. If you miss a lab it is **your responsibility** to see me immediately upon your return to schedule a make-up lab to complete within one week. **Failure to make up a test, quiz or lab in the approved time will result in a zero.**

Cheating will not be tolerated. **The penalty for cheating is a grade of zero for all parties involved for that assignment.** Therefore if someone is cheating off of you, that person will earn a zero, and you will earn you a zero.

Extra Help:

I am more than willing to provide extra help for students. If you feel that your grade is slipping or you do not fully understand a concept that was reviewed in class, do not hesitate to ask for extra help. I will be available several days each week before and after school, please see me ahead of time so we can schedule a time for help. If parents or students need to reach me, please do so by email: richard_herbst@wrsd.net

I acknowledge having received and understand the terms outlined in the Introduction to Chemistry Syllabus, as well as, the Laboratory Safety Rules and will abide by all rules and expectations as set forth.

Please sign, date and return.

(student name)

(date)

(student signature)

(date)

(parents signature)

(date)