

TEACHER INFORMATION:

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Course Description: Introduces chemistry, covers science process skills, units of chemistry, atoms and collections of atoms, periodicity and bonding, compounds and reactions, characteristics of states of matter, acid/base chemistry, chemical dynamics and equilibrium, reference, research skills, and lab safety.

Textbook: World of Chemistry. (2007). Zuhmdal, Zumdahl, & Decoste. McDougal Littell. There is also a DVD supplement to the textbook. The cost for the textbook is \$69.70 and the cost of the DVD is \$15.00.

Required Supplies: 3-ring binder, 5 dividers, calculator, pencil/pen, and loose-leaf notebook paper
*Not having these materials will affect your grade in this class.

Grade Calculation

Daily Grades (includes classwork, homework)	25%
Labs	20%
Quizzes & Tests	20%
Performance Assessments (projects)	20%
Final Exam	15%
Total	100%

Grading Scale

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	74-79%
D	70-73%
F	69-0%

Course Topic Outline by Unit	
Unit Title/Topic	Duration of Unit
Math Review/Scientific Method/Laboratory Safety	January 6-January 9, 2009
Unit #1: Atomic Theory	January 12-January 30, 2009
Unit #2: Periodic Table	February 2 – February 20, 2009
Unit #3: Matter & Nomenclature	February 23 – March 13, 2009
Unit #4: Reactions & Nomenclature	March 16 – April 17, 2009
Unit #5: Solutions, Acids, & Bases	April 20 – May 1, 2009
Unit #6: Kinetics	May 4 – May 8, 2009
Unit #7: Thermodynamics	May 11- May 15, 2009
Final Exam Review	May 18- May 20, 2009
Exams	May 21-May 22, 2009

Important Dates & Events	
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January 19, 2009	MLK Holiday – Schools Closed
February 4, 2009	Early Release Day
February 16, 2009	President’s Day/Student Holiday
February 23, 2009	4th 6-Week Report Card
March 3, 2009	Early Release Day
April 6-10, 2009	Spring Break Holidays
April 17, 2009	5 th 6-Week Report Card
May 29, 2009	6 th 6-Week Report Card (mailed home)

Class Rules & Expectations

1. Arrive to class on time and prepared to work. You will not be allowed to go to your locker to get your book, notebook, homework, etc. If you do not have what you need for class, you will receive a zero for any work that you cannot turn in.
2. Do not bring food, drinks, or candy to class. There will be no eating or selling of these items in room 1012.
3. Do not talk while the teacher is talking. **EVER!**
4. Do not interrupt the teacher to ask for a pass. You may have a restroom pass only when there is no instruction going on. Instruction includes notes, labs, group assignments, tests/quizzes.
5. Do not attempt to use your cell phones, mp3 players, or other electronic devices during class.
6. Throw away any trash that you make before leaving the classroom.
7. Do not horseplay in class, especially during labs.
8. Do not ask the teacher to borrow any supplies. It is not my responsibility to provide you with school supplies.
9. Do not touch anything that does not belong to you.
10. You are not allowed to use anything on the teacher’s desk. You are allowed to use the stapler, tape, and hole punchers in the back of the room on the “WORK AREA” table only!

Assignment Descriptions and Grading Rubrics

Daily Starters – At the beginning of each class period, there will be an activity (practice problem, essay question, etc.) on the board or overhead for you to complete. You must complete this activity within the first 15-20 minutes of class. Starters are worth a total of 30 points and will be collected at the end of each week.

Grading Rubric for Starters

	Point Value
“Name”, “Class” (period), and “Week of” filled out correctly on starter sheet	5 points
Starter questions copied	2 points/day
Starter questions answered	3 points/day
Total	30 points
*Five points will be deducted for each day that is left blank – regardless of the reason.	
*Students must get any missed Starters from a classmate. The teacher will not provide any missed Starters to students.	

Classwork/Homework – Classwork is any assignment that should be completed in class. All classwork must be turned in before leaving class. There is a specific place to turn in classwork. Classwork will sometimes be graded for accuracy and sometimes graded for completion.

*Classwork assignments are worth varying numbers of points based on the amount of work required for each assignment.

*Homework is any assignment that is to be completed outside of class. All homework is due the next day at the beginning of class. Homework will sometimes be graded for accuracy and sometimes graded for completion only. Correct answers will be discussed in review.

*Practice problems are homework. They **will not be collected for a grade**; however, they will be the exact same questions that appear on the quizzes.

*Review problems are also homework. **They will not be collected for a grade.** They will not be reviewed in class and they will be the same problems that appear on the unit tests.

Labs – All labs must be completed in class unless other directions are given. You will be required to submit a formal lab report for all labs unless other instructions are given. You will receive a copy of a sample lab report and a copy of the lab report grading rubric that will be used for all lab reports.

Quizzes/Tests – All quizzes and tests will be announced.

All tests will include essay questions. Essay questions will be assigned at the beginning of each unit and students will be required to answer at least two essay questions on each unit test. Essay questions will be graded based on the following rubric.

Grading Rubric for Essay Questions

	Point Value
Essay answer is at least five sentences long	1 point
Student uses correct punctuation and grammar. <i>When answering essay questions, avoid using pronouns. Always capitalize the first word in the sentence and end sentences with periods.</i>	2 points
Student uses appropriate key terms associated with essay question.	5 points
Essay answer is legible and easy to read.	1 point
Essay answer includes a proper introductory sentence, details, and closing sentence. Essay answer is not repetitive.	1 point
Total	10 points

Performance Assessments/Projects – All projects must be completed outside of class, unless other directions are given. All projects will be graded based on individual project rubrics.

End of Course Test - There is not an End of Course Test for this class.

Make up Work/Tutorial/Test & Quiz Retake Policy

Copies of handouts/work/assignments can be downloaded from my website. Do not ask the teacher for extra copies.

<http://teacherweb.com/ga/campbellhighschool/marquitasmith>

Also, you can stay informed of any class updates by checking my blog site

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Make-Up Work

It is your responsibility to get your make-up work when you are absent. All make-up work will be placed in the blue bin on the "WORK AREA" table at the back of the classroom. The teacher will not ask you for make up work. You must also make an appointment to complete any missed labs, quizzes, or tests before or after school. You may also check the class website for missed work.

Tutorial

If you are having trouble learning the material, you need to attend tutorial. Tutorial time is available by appointment only.

Test & Quiz Retake Policy

If you fail a quiz or test, you may come to tutorial, review the concepts and retake the quiz or test. The higher grade will go into your average for the class. You have one week from the original quiz or test date to retake a quiz or test. Note that the retake test will cover the same topics, however the questions/problems will be different.

Late Work

No late work will be accepted. All assignments are due during the class period that you attend the class.

Extra Credit

No extra credit will be available.

Progress Reports

School-wide progress reports will be given out approximately every three weeks. In this class, you will receive a print-out of your grade after major assignments (this includes tests and projects) and whenever I feel the need to let you know how you are doing. Please do not ask for a progress report during class time. If you want to review your grade, come to tutorial or email me your request. Also, your parents can sign up for a PINNACLE account – which allows online access to grades and attendance 24/7.

Lab Safety

All students will be required to sign a lab safety contract prior to participating in lab activities. Misbehavior during labs will result in a zero for the lab. Continuous misbehavior during labs will result in losing the privilege to participate in labs. If you lose your lab privileges, you will be given alternative assignments to replace lab work.

Textbook Policy

You must bring your textbook to class everyday. Sometimes textbooks will be needed for class assignments and sometimes they will not. If you do not have your textbook, you will not be allowed to go get it. Failure to bring your textbook to class could result in a receiving a zero for a class assignment.

Suggestions for Success

1. Come to school every day prepared to learn.
2. Have a positive attitude about learning.
3. Always try your best, even if you are not sure about your answer.
4. Spend at least 20 minutes per night studying your notes, vocabulary, and/or practicing calculations.
5. Turn in every assignment, if it is not complete. Something is better than nothing.
6. Take notes! Some of your quizzes may be open notes.
7. If you don't understand something, ask. Don't wait until the last minute to try to learn the material.

Let's have a great semester!