

## General Chemistry Disclosure Statement 2013-2014

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### Course Description:

This course is organized around major concepts of matter, structure, energy, and change. The concepts, principles and laws that describe the conservation of matter, changes in the structure of matter, and changes in energy will provide focus for this course. Chemistry students should design and perform experiments, and value inquiry as the fundamental scientific process. There is a class fee of \$15.

### Attendance:

The Science Department adheres to the Jordan High School Attendance Policy which is 3 excused absences and then fourth one is a NG. Students are also allowed three tardies and then the fourth tardy will result in a NG.

### Grading Scale:

Grades will consist of points earned from assessments such as tests and quizzes (50%), notebooks and work done in class (30%), participation (5%), citizenship (5%), homework (10%). The breakdown of grades is as follows:

A	94-100%	B	83-86%	C	73-76%	D	68-64%
A -	90-93%	B -	80-82%	C -	70-72%	D -	60-63%
B +	87-89%	C +	77-79%	D +	69%	F	Below 60%

### Participation/Citizenship Grade:

Students will be expected to participate during class time and failure to do so will result in a reduction of points in this category. In addition to participating students will also be expected to be respectful to the teacher, their peers, and themselves. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of points.

### Labs:

We will be spending some time involved in laboratory activities. Safety instructions must be followed at all times. Failure to comply with safety regulations will result in an incomplete score. If a student is absent on a day we do a lab, they will need to do a lab makeup assignment.

### Late Work:

All late work will result in a 50% reduction of points until the test has been taken for that unit. After the test has been taken late work for that unit will receive a 75% reduction in points. If you are absent you have one week to turn in the assignment before it will be counted as late. **No late work will be accepted two weeks prior to the quarter ending.**

### Make up for notebooks, assignments and tests/quizzes:

Because homework is assigned a week in advance you will be expected to turn the homework in the day you return to class. All other work is expected to be made up within one week. If the work is not made up within one week that work is considered late. All work must be made up before the test for that unit is taken. Once the test has been taken, all work will receive a 75% reduction in points. Any work (Test, quiz, homework, lab work, notebook, etc.) missed due to an unexcused absence will not be allowed to be made up and will receive a 0.

### Retaking Tests

Tests will be allowed to be retaken if these conditions are met:

- All work for that unit is completed and turned in.
- Student must complete a worksheet that will be assigned by me.
- Test is retaken within one week from the day I pass back the original test scores.

### Notebooks

Each student will be provided a notebook that is to be used only for this class. In addition to taking notes, the notebooks will be used for reflecting on the main ideas of the day and for lab work. The notebooks will be graded periodically throughout the year. The notebook will be set up so that you will take notes each day on the right side, and use the left side of the notebook each day to reflect on what you learned that day in class. You are expected to get the notes from someone else if you miss class and make up the left side as well, and then show the made up notebook pages to me in order to receive credit. **Notebooks must be brought every day we have class.** If you do not bring your notebook to class you must complete the notebook page for that day and then show it to me in order to receive credit.

### Cheating:

Cheating on any quiz, test, or assignment will result in a zero. Anytime you are not doing your OWN work it is considered cheating.

### Electronic devices:

On occasion it will be appropriate to use your electronic devices. However, for the most part use of electronic devices during class time is not allowed. Using electronic devices when it is not appropriate will result in a loss of citizenship points. If the use of electronic devices becomes frequent I will take it and give it to the appropriate Vice Principal.

### Classroom Behavior:

1. Students will adhere to the general school policies relating to alcohol, tobacco and drugs.
2. **Students will always exhibit respectful behavior to the teacher and fellow students.**
3. Small snacks and water bottles are allowed, but if there is garbage on the floor this privilege will be taken away.
4. Students will be prepared every day by bringing the necessary materials for class that day i.e. writing tools, notebooks, etc.

### Lab Behavior:

1. Work carefully and cautiously in the laboratory, using common sense and good judgment at all times.
2. **Eating, drinking, applying cosmetics or lip balm, and handling contact lenses are strictly prohibited** in the laboratory and in the laboratory space of a combined lecture/laboratory room. Food, drinks (even in closed containers) are not to be brought into the lab. Chewing gum is not allowed.
3. Long hair must be tied back during laboratory sessions.
4. No sleeveless tops are permitted. Thighs and midriffs must be covered with protective clothing while working in the laboratory. Lab aprons must be worn when directed by the instructor.
5. Report all injuries, spills, breakage of glass or other items, unsafe conditions, and accidents of any kind, no matter how minor, to the instructor immediately.
6. Keep sinks free of paper or any debris that could interfere with drainage.
7. Lab tables must be clear of all items that are not necessary for the lab exercise.
8. Wash hands and the lab tables with the appropriate cleaning agents before and after every laboratory session.

### Hall Pass/Late work coupons

Each student will be provided three late work/hall pass coupons. These can be used for a student to use the hall pass or to turn in a late assignment without receiving a reduction for being late. Unused coupons at the end of the quarter will receive extra credit.

I have read Mr. Chalmers biology disclosure and agree to follow the policies of the class. I will monitor my grade and attendance on Skyward and ask Mr. Chalmers if I have any questions or concerns. Please sign and return this page to Mr. Chalmers

Student Printed Name

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Student Signature

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Parent/Legal guardian Signature

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