

# Chemistry I Honors

## Policies & Procedures

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Welcome! Chemistry is an exciting subject that helps us better understand what's happening "behind the scenes" in the world around us. This course *will* challenge you. You need to be organized, work hard, and use your brain. Always remember, CHEMISTRY IS FUN!

### Web Site – Mrs. J's Chemistry Page

Visit [www.nisd.net/communicationsarts/pages/chem](http://www.nisd.net/communicationsarts/pages/chem) to do a multitude of things! Find out what you missed during an absence. Download notes and worksheets. Access online periodic tables and other helpful sites. Send me an e-mail. I designed this site as a service for you. Use it to your advantage! I would also like to post your work and photographs of classroom activities with parent permission (see back).

### Necessary Supplies:

- chemistry book – issued by the school, must be covered
- chemistry "Section Reviews" workbook – issued by school, you may write in it
- 3-ring binder (1½ - 2") – including filler paper for notes, tab dividers are recommended
- lab notebook – a 100-sheet composition notebook (no spirals), available from Mrs. J. for \$1
- scientific calculator – a calculator with log (LOG) and exponent (EXP or EE) buttons
- pen and/or pencil – no iridescent gel pens, use black ink for labs

### Classroom Guidelines:

Adherence to the following guidelines will insure a safe and enjoyable year for everyone:

- ✧ Be courteous and respectful to your teacher and classmates.
- ✧ Come to class on-time and prepared to work.
- ✧ Follow ALL safety rules and procedures.
- ✧ Uphold high standards of effort and achievement.

### Grading:

Your semester average is 20% semester exam and 80% nine-weeks grade. Your nine-weeks grade is:

Tests/Projects	35%	
Labs	35%	* Each nine-weeks, the TWO lowest Homework
Quizzes	20%	grades will be dropped.
<u>Homework*</u>	<u>10%</u>	
Final Grade	100%	

Graded papers will be placed in separate trays for each class period. It is your responsibility to retrieve your papers and hold on to them for future reference. If you can't find yours, check in the No-Name Tray. If you do not claim your nameless paper, you will receive a zero!

### Progress Reports:

I will issue progress reports to ALL students on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> weeks of each nine-weeks. These progress reports must be signed by your parents and returned the following class period. I will also provide weekly grade updates to keep you informed of your progress. Please take advantage of these updates by getting help before it's too late!

### Late Work:

You should be prepared to turn in all assignments at the BEGINNING of class.

- **Homework:** Late homework is not accepted for credit. If you have the assignment at school, you may get it at the beginning of class for a 10-point penalty. Otherwise, you will receive a zero.
- **Labs and Projects:** These assignments will be penalized 10 points for each school day they are late. Labs will not be accepted after 1 week. Projects will not be accepted after 2 weeks.
- **Absent on the due date?** If you are here for an assignment but absent the day it is due, you are expected to turn it in the next school day. If you are at school but miss this class on the day a lab or project is due, you are expected to turn it in to me or to my box in the CAHS office that day.

## Make-Up Work:

If you are absent, you should complete the following steps in a timely manner. Generally, you will be allowed one make-up day for each day you were absent. All work should be completed within 1 week.

- Check the Make-Up Work Folder, copy the agenda, and obtain the necessary handouts from the file. You are also responsible for getting notes from a classmate. This information (including lecture notes and most handouts) may also be found on the Web Site under *Daily Agendas*.
- Schedule time to make-up quizzes, tests, and labs A.S.A.P. – within one or two days, if possible.
- Schedule tutoring time, if necessary.

## Tardy Policy:

I expect you to be in your seat when the tardy bell rings. Passing periods are seven minutes and should be sufficient to take care of bathroom trips. When in doubt, report to class first so you don't get stuck in the hall without a pass. Since I am in the Taft building, "Tardy Roundup" is in effect.

## Homework:

Daily homework is due at the beginning of class and is graded based on completion. When the tardy bell rings, you should put your homework on your desk and review the answers posted on the overhead. Be prepared to display your work in front of the class. I cannot overemphasize the importance of putting effort into completing your homework. Chemistry involves many skills that must be practiced. Lack of effort on homework WILL have a negative effect on your grade in this class!

## Quiz Corrections:

Quiz grades below 80 are eligible for correction. Quiz corrections are due two days after the quiz is returned. Corrections should be made in a different color on the front and/or back of the quiz. Math problems should be reworked. For all other questions, briefly explain why your original answer was wrong. You may regain up to half of the points lost with a maximum score of 80.

## Retesting Policy:

Test grades below 70 are eligible for retesting. First, you need to come in for tutoring and to correct your original test. Then, you need to take a computerized retest. This should be completed within a week of receiving your original test grade. You will receive the higher of the two scores with a maximum score of 70.

## Silver Test Tube:

Each nine-weeks, the student with the highest average in his or her class will be awarded the Silver Test Tube. A student may only win once. There will also be rewards for those of you who meet your personal goals as specified on your Action Plans. Set high standards and strive to attain them!

## Tutoring:

I want each one of you to have a successful year! Toward that end, I am available for tutoring after school everyday except Wednesday. If these times will not work for you, we can make other arrangements. *Please*, do not hesitate to ask for assistance!

## Final Advice:

Chemistry is challenging, but you can succeed in this class if you follow these key steps:

- 🔑 Keep up with your assignments. Use the Web Site to catch up after an absence and avoid missing class whenever possible. Falling behind is the kiss of death!
- 🔑 Ask for help when you need it. Whether that means asking a question during class or coming in for tutoring, I am here to help you in any way I can!
- 🔑 Take advantage of opportunities to boost your grade – corrections, retests, and extra credit.
- 🔑 Work hard and use your brain! I work very hard for you, and I expect nothing less in return.

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 YES     NO    I have read and understand the Policies & Procedures of Mrs. Johannesson's Chemistry class.

YES     NO    My child's work and/or photograph (in a group setting) may be published on the Internet in association with Communications Arts High School. My child's name (first name only) may be used in association with published work or photographs.

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Student Name (please print)

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Student Signature

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**PLEASE READ POLICIES  
BEFORE SIGNING**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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