Mr. Gravitz McClatchy High School

## Policies

## How to Succeed in Chemistry

# Grading

1. Your grade is determined by your total number of points. An A=90-100% of the points possible, B=80-89%, C=70-79%, D=50-69% and F= less than 50% of the points.

2. You will keep tracks of your points. You will keep a record of your points on your assignment sheet. All assignments must be recorded on your assignment sheet.

2. Record your points as soon as work is returned to you.

## Objectives

1. Students will gain an understanding of the basic concepts presented and their underlying facts and principles.

2. Students will continue to develop their critical thinking and problem solving skills, especially as they relate to the scientific method.

3. Students will improve their organizational skills through a variety of means including maintaining a binder, taking notes, and performing lab activities.

### Binders

1. A binder is **required!!!** You **can not** pass the class without one. It represents **approximately 50% of your grade.** 

2. It should be a sturdy, 3-ring binder with standard size (for  $8 \frac{1}{2} \times 11$  paper) rings. It should be large enough to hold all of the papers you will do in a semester.

3. All science papers are to be kept in your binder, even after they have been graded. Never store papers anywhere else.

4. Binder checks will be done frequently. *Anyone absent the day of the binder check must turn in the assignment the day they return in order to receive full credit*. <u>Late work will be penalized as follows:</u> 1 day late = -25%, 2-3 days late = -50%, after 3 days work is not accepted.

### Make-up work and Homework

1. The teacher will not remind you to make up your work after an absence. There is an assignment sheet on the wall. Read it to find out what you missed/need to make up.

2. After an absence, you will have the number of days you were absent to complete and turn in work you missed.

3. If you were present the day before a test/quiz, then absent the day of the test/quiz, you take the test/quiz the day you return. Tests and binder checks can only be made up following an <u>excused</u> absence.

4. Homework assignments are generally due the following day. Additionally, any work not completed during class is to be finished as homework. Preparation for quizzes, presentations, etc.... will also be done outside of class.

5. Ask questions. If you don't understand, I will set aside additional time to help you at your request.

#### **Classroom Rules**

- 1. Be in your seat when the bell rings.
- 2. Remain in your seat until excused at the end of the period.
- 3. Work only on science during the period
- 4. Follow the teacher's directions.

5. Treat each other, the teacher and school property with respect. You will be charged for broken or damaged equipment.

6. Be prepared for class always—pen/pencil, book and binder will be on your desk when the bell rings.

Failure to follow the above rules may result in the following consequences, not necessarily in this order:

- 1. Verbal warning 2. Conference with teacher 3. Parent contact/behavior plan
- 4. Removal of lab privileges 5. Detention 6. Loss of points (for lab misconduct)
- 7. Referral

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I have read and understand both pages of the class policies.

Student's name (print)\_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature\_\_\_\_\_

Period/date\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/guardian's name (print)\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/guardian's signature\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone # \_\_\_\_\_