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**Alta High School’s Mission:**

We are an inclusive learning community with a tradition of inspiring, supporting, and collaborating with students as they prepare to be engaged citizens in their pursuit of continuous success.

**Objective:**

Students will leave class with an understanding of chemistry and science in general. Students will develop such skills as giving presentations, working in groups, critical thinking, research, etc.

**General Classroom Expectations:**

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| **1.** Be Responsible | **3.** Be Safe |  |  |
| **2.** Be Respectful | **4.** Do Your Personal Best |  |  |

**Lab Fee:**

$5 to be paid by end of 1st quarter. Student must give teacher a receipt. We will be paying this in class, but it can be paid to the office directly.

**Required Materials:**

3- Ring binder (can be used for other classes as well), paper, pen and pencil, and a ***scientific calculator.*** The calculator needs to be to do scientific notation and logarithm, but does not need to be a graphing calculator.

**Electronic Devices**: Cell phones, smart watches, headphones, etc. are not allowed out in class unless specific permission is given by the teacher. If a student is using their electronic device without permission, the following will occur:

1st offense: the phone placed in a lock box and can be retrieved at the end of class.

All other offenses: the phone will be given to the attendance office for retrieval.

There may be additional consequences if the policy is continually broken. There may be additional consequences if the electronic device is out during a test/quiz or being used to cheat/plagiarize.

**Attendance/Make-up:**

The class will follow the Alta High School attendance policy. Students will be allowed ***five school days from the date of the absence*** to turn in the work that was missed *after that the work will be considered late* (see late policy). *Students are responsible for checking my website and getting any work that they have missed, but can get help from me during office hours.* Students will not be able to make up extra credit for in-class activities. Quizzes, tests, and labs must be made up *outside of class time* and should be scheduled in advance with me. Students can come in to get help and/or to make up work during my office hours. *My office hours will be Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 7:10-7:40 in my classroom 1133. Students can come in after school for help, but should clear it with me first to ensure I will be in my room.*

**Grading Scale:**

Students work may be graded by other students for immediate feedback. Tests will not be graded by other students. I do not round grades. I reserve the right to adjust my grading policy as needed. The grading scale for the class is:

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| 93-100% = A | 83-86% = B | 73-76% = C | 63-66% = D |
| 90-92% = A- | 80-82% = B- | 70-72% = C- | 60-62% = D- |
| 87-89% = B+ | 77-79% = C+ | 67-69% = D+ | 50-59% = F |

* + Students should keep all of their graded assignments. In case of a grading error, I need to see the original assignment to be able to fix it.
  + Students should be checking their grades regularly on *Skyward.*

**Academic Criteria:**

* **Quizzes (10%):**
  + Quizzes are closed note. Quizzes are a way for a student to gauge how well they understand a particular concept. Quizzes will be peer graded during class. You are able retake quizzes *until the day of the unit test and you* *do not get an extension for being absent that day.*
* **Lab and Projects (20%):** 
  + Labs:*All labs will be written in lab report format unless specified by the teacher and graded on accuracy not completion.* If you miss a lab due you will have *five school days* from the original date of the lab to make it up during my office hours. After that there will be *no opportunity* for make-up.
    - Inappropriate/unsafe behavior during a lab will result in student(s) being removed from lab. The student will not receive credit for that lab.
    - Students will need to use a stamp card to redo a lab write up and the lab must be submitted before grades are cutoff for that quarter.
  + There will be at least one project assigned per quarter. Project grades will be final.
* **Assignments (10%):** 
  + Students will do starters at the beginning of class as a review of previous content or as an introduction to new content. They are *graded on completion*. Starters for each unit are *due on the day of the unit test.*
  + Assignments are *graded on completion*. They are designed to help the student practice the concepts so that the student will be successful on tests and quizzes. For tracked assignments and test reviews the answer keys will be posted on my website so that the student can check their answers.
* **Unit Tests (60%):** Each Unit will culminate with a Unit Test that covers the standards introduced at the beginning of the unit. These tests will be divided into standards, each containing multiple choice and written questions. A periodic table and a reference sheet will be provided for all exams.
  + Test Makeups: If you miss the test there will be test makeups given the week following the test: Tuesday morning (testing center) or on Tuesday afternoons with Ms. Coleman, Wednesday afternoons with Mrs. Schow, or Thursday afternoons with Mrs. Kimble. You MUST inform the teacher providing the makeup that you are coming in advance and your teacher for the testing center. If a test is missed and not retaken the following week, it will be entered in as a 50% and can be retaken as your one retake per quarter (see below). There may be changes to test makeup dates, but if that happens your teacher will let you know.
  + Test Retakes: There will be *only one test retake per quarter* and it can be done until grades are cutoff for that quarter. You can retake the entire test or specific standards from the test. The following steps must be followed to retake the test:
    - You must write a short essay explaining WHY you are retaking, WHY you didn’t do well on the first test, and WHAT you did differently to prepare for the retake.
    - You must schedule a time to come in to retake the test with your teacher.
    - Arrive by 7:10 AM in the morning or 2:40 PM in the afternoon for the time you scheduled with your essay and original test.

**Late Work and Cheating/plagiarism Policies:**

* All work is *due at the beginning of the class period on the next day we meet* unless otherwise specified and will be called for by me. If students do not have them at that time the work is considered late.
* After 5 school days absent work is considered late if it has not already been turned in.
* *Labs and projects late policy*: Labs andprojects turned in after the due date will be docked 5% for every day late. *For projects only being absent does not exempt you from the due date or late penalty.*
* *Assignment late policy:* In order to turn in a missing assignment you will be given a stamp card where you can earn stamps towards turning in late assignments. Late assignments will be accepted until grades are cutoff for that quarter.
* *Only 3 missing assignments/lab rewrites* will be accepted each quarter. Stamp cards will be given in class and be furthered explained.
* Students who are caught cheating/plagiarizing will not be tolerated and receive no credit. However, under certain conditions make up credit *may* be available and will be handled on a case by case basis.

Please complete and return this page, signifying that the undersigned have read and understood the information presented in the Disclosure. Retain the first page in your notebook for a reference.

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Printed Name of School Administrator Signature Date

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