

## **Student Behaviors**

### **General Chemistry**

This information is provided for students in the General Chemistry Course so everyone knows the expectations for being in a high school (science) setting. Most of what is written below is probably already known but is being communicated so there are no misunderstandings.

1. Come to school every day.
2. Come to class on time.
3. Come with all of your materials.
4. Be in your seat, read the plan for the day, have all your materials out, and be ready to learn when the bell rings. I am a "bell to bell" teacher.
5. Do not be a distraction but please be active and engage in the classroom activities.
6. If you need to be out of your seat (sharpen pencil, get tissue, etc) please raise your hand and wait for me to acknowledge you.
7. Do not touch any chemicals, equipment, computer probe setups, etc. unless you have been given permission. Curiosity is always expected but Safety is always critical.
8. Use the passing time for using the restroom.
9. Do not have your phone out at any time when inside room 3404 without permission.
10. No photos or videos can be taken inside room 3404 without permission.
11. You are expected to be awake, listening, writing, thinking, and contributing during all classroom activities. This is called focused engagement and is necessary for learning and academic success.
12. Communicate respectfully to me and your classmates. We are all different and have different learning styles and needs so we must work together.
13. If you do not communicate to me verbally or in written form any concerns I cannot address them or help with reconciling any issues, so be prompt and clear with all communication.
14. Work with others – scientists do not work in isolation nor do adults learn in isolation. You should know that my classroom will be a learning environment where the constructivist approach is used for many learning activities and you are expected to be mature, considerate to others, and do your best each day.
15. This class will be different and fascinating! It will be fun and easy at times but could be serious and challenging at other times. I want you to be successful: learning much new knowledge and many new skills' who knows maybe you will be a scientist in the future.

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**Homework:** Do all homework before coming to class. Since we have class on a Blue Day, you should determine if you need to see me during Academic Lab. If you need to see me for any reason ask for a pink slip and remember to bring your chemistry materials with you when you come into Academic Lab. Not turning in the homework is a zero. You must work to complete missing homework if the assignment can be accepted late and turn it in to me before the end of the unit. No homework for a unit will be accepted after the unit is over so timeliness is critical.

**Laboratory Behavior – listen and follow instructions.** Chemistry can be a very exciting and fun course where you explore and learn in a very different manner with interesting, expensive and potentially dangerous equipment and chemicals, so you have to be prepared, aware, and act appropriately. After studying and discussing the safety rules and taking the safety test you will have to demonstrate consistently that you can be a responsible worker in the laboratory. Any issues (discretion of the teacher) will be dealt with quickly, sternly, and could result in removal from the laboratory area for that lab or potentially all labs for the remainder of the semester. Please do only the approved experiments. When in doubt, raise your hand, wait patiently, and get clarification before acting.

**Absences:** Perfect attendance is just that perfect and good attendance is directly related to good performance in school. If you are ill or have some excused absence any time this semester you should:

1. Check the website and see what you missed, send me an e-mail or leave me a message on my classroom phone if it is not possible to check the website.
2. On the website, look at all materials for the day you missed and the day you will be returning. Have all homework completed for the absence day and all homework for the day you are returning. Read and view any posted materials (notes, videos, worksheets, etc.). And of course, use Academic Lab (4<sup>th</sup> Block) to see me if you have questions or concerns.
3. You are in high school and you must be responsible. It is not acceptable to say “I did not know what to do.” If in doubt you must ask questions.
4. For unexcused absences – you must see Mrs. Scott before credit on any assignment can be earned.

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