

Ruben S. Ayala High School - Science Department
CLASS EXPECTATIONS 1st Semester READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN!!!
HONORS CHEMISTRY 2008-2009, Mr. Iverson Instructor

1. REQUIREMENTS: <http://ayalachemistry.tripod.com> PDF-files used.

A. TEXTBOOK. You must read each chapter. You are responsible for all material assigned.

B. NOTEBOOKS. You are expected to maintain a notebook in this class. It will contain **dated** notes in chronological order, followed by homework in chronological order, followed by lab reports in chronological order. This notebook may be collected and **graded** at the end of each semester.

C. ATTENDANCE. You are expected to attend class everyday. Absences must be excused within three days or they will be considered truants. Unexcused absences (not truants or suspensions) including personal business, and vacation will be treated as follows; you may make up homework and tests (different version), but you will not be able to make up opening assignment or quizzes. See Lab work for details concerning lab report make ups. You may come in after school for specific help, but lectures will not be repeated. In some cases you may choose to consult or hire a tutor to catch up with the work. Truants and suspensions result in immediate reduction in points, any missed class work will not be accepted and will result in a zero, 1 truant = "N", 2 or more = "U" in citizenship.

2. GRADING: Grades will be posted on my website and in class by ID number in random order. It is your responsibility to check your grade weekly and bring to my attention any discrepancies immediately.

A. HOW ASSIGNED. Grades are determined on a total point basis using a straight percentage to determine the final grade. Points are earned for the following activities:

TESTS-45% sem. grade.

HOMEWORK- 15% sem. grade.

LABS&NOTEBOOK-20% sem. grade.

OPENING ASSI, QUIZZES, GROUPS- 10% sem. grade

FINAL- 10% sem. grade.

B. TESTS. District generated benchmark test will be given in October, January (Final), March, May, and June (Final). I will also give unit test when necessary to evaluate my students. See classroom rules for details concerning make-ups.

C. HOMEWORK. Homework will usually consist of problems from the end of each chapter supplemented with worksheets as needed. Homework will be due on the day of the test. Late homework will **not** be accepted, unless accompanied by an oops pass or homework pass, see class rules for details. Homework answers must be **highlighted** using the appropriate pen. No highlight no credit. Failure to do homework could lower your grade 1 - 2 letter grade.

D. LAB WORK. 50 points per report. All lab reports are DUE in a week, usually on the day of the next lab. These reports **must be typed (30% penalty)** and, once graded, kept in your notebook until turned in at the end of the semester. You are responsible for every **other** lab report. Reports that are not normally your responsibility may be turned in for **make up or extra credit** (max of 3 in a semester). See lab format and lab sample report for more details concerning the lab write-up. Failure to do lab assignments could lower class grade 1 - 2 letter grades.

E. OPENING ASSIGNMENT/QUIZZES, GROUPS The first 10 minutes of class may start with an opening assignment or quiz. **As soon as the tardy bell rings** each student will be expected to start the opening assignment. Some of these assignments will be graded and awarded points accordingly. We will break into study groups and earn points based on the behavior and success of your group. These opening assignments/quizzes and group activities will determine 10% of your grade. Talking or another disturbance during this time will result in a zero for that day. No make-up will be available. Students who are excused from class will be exempted. Students that are tardy will earn a zero for that day.

F. FINAL. All students will take the final exam. Remember the final is only 10% of your grade.

G. California Standardized testing and reporting: During the month of May each student is required to take the California Standards Test in Chemistry. This test is extremely important to all members of the Ayala Family; therefore, as an incentive to perform your best, a score of **proficient** or **advance** will result in your overall average increasing by 1.5% and 3.0% respectively. If that increase changes your final grade, a grade change will be initiated as soon as possible. Please note a below basic or far below basic score will result in a decrease in your overall average and final grade by the same amount.

H. SCALE. A = 90- 100%, B = 80- 89%, C = 70- 79%, D = 60- 69%

3. TEACHER'S CONFERENCE PERIOD: 7th PERIOD. (IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEEK ADDITIONAL HELP IF NEEDED.) After school schedule will be available soon.

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CHEMISTRY CLASSROOM RULES
PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU SIGN.
REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS!!

**I WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY ACTIVITY THAT WILL INTERFERE WITH
THE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES OF OTHERS.**

1. I expect that you will be in your assigned seat, quiet, and ready to work when the tardy bell rings. **THE TARDY POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED.** IN addition your **citizenship** grade will be affected as follows, 5 tardies in a semester = "n", 7 or more in a semester = "u".

2. **NO** talking while I, or one of your classmates has the floor.

3. Lab Experiments are serious, the potential for bodily harm is real; therefore, I expect you to be prepared for each lab (with flow chart), stay at your lab stations the entire period, wear your safety goggles (including other safety equipment deemed necessary), and behave in a mature fashion. Failure to be prepared will result in a zero for that lab.

4. If you are absent and it is excused it is **your** responsibility to contact me for make-up work **IMMEDIATELY**. Failure to make-up missed work in a timely manner will result in a zero for the missed work. **Make up tests are taken as soon as you return from school after an absence, unless special arrangements are made IN ADVANCE. You will be responsible for the missed material. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

5. Take **Responsibility for your actions**. No **food, drink** or **gum** in the classroom. Be respectful of other people's property & physical being and the classroom furniture and equipment. You will be asked to pay for broken lab ware.

6. **Cheating will not be tolerated**. Cheaters will face one or more of the following disciplines: a zero will be entered for the test or assignment, parents or guardians will be notified, vice-principle will be notified and my initiate addition punishment, a failing grade may be assigned for the entire semester. **Lab reports must be completed in your own words and style. Any lab reports that look copied from another student will be treated as cheating.**

7. Restroom passes will be issued only during the last 5 minutes of class unless an emergency exists.

8. **Active students**: I want to support all activities that you are involved in; however, if your current grade is not at least 70%, your activities advisor and your parents must be notified.

9. The dress code will be enforced. Remember only authorized unaltered Ayala hats are allowed on campus.

10. Radios, tape players, CD players, beepers, cell phone, and any electric game must be turned off.

11. Cursing or offensive language is not allowed in the classroom.

12. Renaissance Award Cards; I will accept any **combination of two** homework passes and or oops passes a semester. Homework pass allows you to skip that assignment (excused grade). Homework pass does not apply to labs. Oops pass allows you to turn in any assignment one day late.

13. **Special Note to parents**: Most of the assignments (homework, labs, worksheets), grades, and important notices (expectations, course outlines, etc.) will be posted on line (<http://ayalachemistry.tripod.com>) in PDF format, it is important for you student to have a computer with online access and a printer. If this is a problem please **contact me** as soon as possible to make alternative arrangements. Your student must possess the appropriate maturity level for this course as defined by the physical science department. Any horseplay during a laboratory experiment or disrupting of the learning process will result in removal from the course. **Student safety and learning environment are paramount above all else.**

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(DETACH, SIGN, AND RETURN THIS PART)

I _____ have read the above Class Rules for Mr. Iverson's Honors
Chemistry class and understand them.

Student's Signature Date Parent/Guardian Date

Parent's Home Phone # _____ Class Period _____

Parent's Work Phone # _____