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Room: 321

Textbooks:

General Chemistry by Ebbing, Darrell D. and Gammon, Steven D., 8th ed., Houghton Mifflin Company, 2005. ISBN: 0-618-39941-0 Cost \$148.00

Requirements:

- General Chemistry (433 Academic or 434 Honors) or equivalent.
- Completing homework assignments, lab questions, and studying the material on a routine basis.
- **AP Chemistry Exam on Monday, May 7, 2018.**

Daily Behavioral Expectations:

1. All school rules apply to this course (see [Student Handbook](#) for details).
2. Students will treat others with respect.
3. Students will arrive to class on time, sit in their assigned seats, and work diligently throughout the class.
4. Students will only use approved digital devices in class and when completing assignments.
5. All laboratory safety rules must be followed. Students will be removed from labs if classroom behavior is unacceptable.
6. Students will be held responsible for any damages incurred to school materials.
7. Infraction of above will result in a private discussion and may involve consequences.

Assessment:

The following formula is used to calculate quarter grades:

- **Exams: 50%** - measures knowledge comprehension and problem-solving skills for the entire unit or past units covered.
- **Laboratory, Quizzes, Assignments (LQA): 40%**
 - ✓ Labs: Involve a pre-lab component before the experiment. During the experiment, students will collect and record data, analyze results, perform calculations, and answer post-laboratory questions.
 - ✓ Quizzes/Assignments: will give students the opportunity to demonstrate competence of select skills.
- **Homework: 10%** some material will be presented online and students will take notes on the presentations. Opportunities will also be given to practice problem solving skills on paper or digitally. Homework is meant to prepare for summative assessments such as tests and quizzes.
- **Final Exam:**
 - ✓ The final exam is a mock AP exam, is required, and is worth 20% of the semester grade.

PowerSchool Parent Portal:

- Can be accessed through the grade portal web site: <http://ps.epsd.us>
- Grades for assignments will be posted within two weeks of the assignment due date.
- If an assignment is late it may take up to two weeks from the time submitted to post grade.

Extra help: Students needing extra help should make an appointment by notifying me at least one (1) day in advance to stay after. In addition, it is the student's responsibility to notify and seek parental permission to stay after school. It is in the student's best interest to seek extra help when difficulties arise because future topics require knowledge of previous units.

Test Corrections: After every test there will be a time period set to do test corrections to complete as a homework assignment.

Re-Take Policy for Tests/Quizzes

1. Each test/quiz can only be re-taken once.
2. **Re-takes are not given during school hours.**
3. The new quiz/test grade is calculated by averaging the re-take grade twice along with the original quiz/test grade.
4. Students have **two (2) weeks** to re-take a quiz/test from the date of the administration of the original assessment.
5. Homework assignments, labs, and projects cannot be re-taken.

Make up Policy:

Students who have been absent are required to make-up missed work. The student handbook states that students have two (2) days from the absence to make up any missed work, unless the student arranges another date with the teacher. If a student is going to be out of school for more than 2 days, he/she should contact the guidance office secretary to arrange for their work to be brought to the guidance office. The student is responsible for having someone pick up his/her homework assignments.

Cheating Policy:

All students are expected to do their own work and uphold an academic code of honor. Cheating on tests, quizzes or other assignments will not be tolerated. If there is positive evidence of cheating, then all parties involved will receive a grade of zero with **no opportunity** for make-up.

EPSD Moodle: Course materials are on the Moodle server.

- Students must use their own Moodle account issued to them to post or do graded assignments.
- Parents can look at course materials by going to: <http://moodle.epsd.us> and click on 'login as a guest' button. Click on EHS Science Department, click on the AP Chemistry course and put in the password: **(disclosed on paper copy)**.



Parent/Guardian Expectations:

EHS cannot meet your child's entire academic, social and physical needs alone. I need **your support** to meet the following guides as it is in the best interest of your child to do so.

- ✓ Promote good attendance at EHS.
- ✓ Provide encouragement and an environment for completing assignments and meeting student goals.
- ✓ Monitor your student's grades on the Parent Portal and let your student monitor their grade as well.
- ✓ Arrange transportation if your child needs to stay after school.
- ✓ Communicate any concerns to the teacher.
- ✓ Respond promptly to phone calls or conference requests.

Homework Assignment #1 (counts as a test grade)

Due Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

AP Summer Assignment on <http://flinnprep.com> Units 1,2,3,4,6,7,5 (see AP Chemistry Summer Assignment handout)

- ✓ Taking the Pre-Test (if available)
- ✓ Review the Unit by reading text, watching videos, answering in text questions
- ✓ Take the Assessment at bottom of unit by getting an 80% or above. You can take each assessment multiple times until you get the 80% or above. Once you get an 80% you have reached mastery on the unit and you have earned 10 points.
- ✓ Follow the suggested deadlines so you don't get too far behind. Feel free to be ahead of the deadlines, especially if you will be away from technology for a time period.
- ✓ The Summer Assignment is DUE on the first day of school and it is the day this assignment will be graded and entered into the Grade Portal.

Homework Assignment #2

Due Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

The following supplies are required for this course:

- Scientific Calculator (with exponent sin, cos, tan keys). **A TI-83 or TI-84 graphing calculator is recommended. A cell phone is not a substitute for a calculator and cannot be used on any quizzes or tests.**
- Pen or Pencil

These supplies must be brought to class **every day**. If an individual is facing financial hardship, then they should e-mail the teacher (ssheehan@epsd.us) before the deadline.

Homework Assignment #3

Due Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Students and parent/caregivers must sign this page and return it to class. **It is recommended that students keep their Course Policy sheet and Flinn Safety Contract for future reference.**

I _____, a student of Mr. Sheehan's Chemistry class have read the course policies.
(print name)

I am aware of the standards set forth and I understand the consequences for not meeting the regulations.

Student Signature

Date

Student e-mail address (please print)

I _____, being the parent/guardian of the above student have read the details of
(print name)

the course policies. I am aware of my obligations and I understand that my student must follow the standards set forth. I also understand that I can get access to my child's grades through the PowerSchool Parent Portal <http://ps.episd.us/public> and I will give Mr. Sheehan two weeks to grade and post assignments to the grading system.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

E-mail address (please print)

Best Phone number to reach you

Questions:

Do you wear contact lenses? ___ Yes ___ No

Are you color blind? ___ Yes ___ No

Do you have allergies? ___ Yes ___ No

If so, list specific allergies _____

Please bring the following supplies to class:

- Scientific Calculator
- Pen or Pencil
- 3-Ring binder OR folder containing handouts given in class.

These items should be brought to class **every day**.

Forgetting materials shouldn't be an everyday routine but a rare occurrence during the semester. If this rare event happens, materials will be provided for students to borrow to complete assignments, only if extra supplies are available.