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Chemistry

Topics Covered

We will cover chemistry topics that match the Nebraska State Science Assessments. They are:

Story of Elements (SC.HS.3.3, SC.HS.5.5)
Balance of Matter and Reactions (SC.HS.13.3, SC.HS.15.5, SC.HS.3.3)
What Fuels Energy (SC.HS.5.5, SC.HS.3.3)
Energy Applications to Aid Climate Change (SC.HS.4.4, SC.HS.13.3, SC.HS.12.2)
For further detail see Course Curriculum

Expectations

Be Responsible, Respectful, and Resourceful

Consequences

Student Support System

Grading

The weights of grades are as follows:

Assignments – 20%
Projects – 10%
Lab – 20%
Quiz – 15%
Tests – 30%
Participation Points – 5%

Participation & Work

- Each week you will receive 10 participation points.
- Expect the occasional homework quiz: HW turned in ~40%, HW quiz ~60%
- **Late Work** – Assignments turned in within 2 days have a 10% deduction. Work turned in after that will have a 50% deduction. Work that is in your car, at home, or in your locker is treated as late work.
- You will have 1 Assignment pass (no late points taken off) a semester.
- You must show work to receive credit on assignment.
- **Extra Credit** - There may be extra credit available from time to time, however I expect you to do well on what is done under the normal curriculum. Please do not ask for extra credit. Take advantage of the opportunities I give to you to improve your grade throughout the year.
 - Figure It Out Friday (Friday Challenges) – 3pts/Challenge

Testing

- During quizzes and tests, no talking is allowed. Please raise your hand to get my attention if you have a question.

- Any talking and/or cheating during tests/quizzes will result in the loss of the paper and a 0 for the test/quiz.
- You are not allowed to leave the classroom during a test/quiz.

Labs

- Follow all safety precautions.
- At the end of the period (~5 minutes left) groups should start picking up their work area. All equipment is to be cleaned and returned to its rightful spot and work area should be clean before leaving the class. Failure to do so will result in loss of participation points.

Note Taking

Mostly Guided Notes

Why is note taking essential to understanding of chemistry?

Contact

If you are having trouble in class, PLEASE come get help and/or talk to me about what can be done to get you on track. Please make an appointment to ensure I am in the room at that time. I am also available before school (8:00 AM), student prep, and after school until 4:00 PM. There is also e-mail, which I check multiple times throughout the day and can usually answer most questions this way.