

2017-2018 Chemistry Syllabus

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Course Topics:

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| I. | Matter and Measurement | IV. | Nomenclature and Chemical Reactions | VI. | Acids, Bases, and Solutions |
| II. | Atomic Structure | V. | Stoichiometry | VII. | Behavior of Gases |
| III. | Chemical Bonding | | | VIII. | Thermochemistry |

Required Supplies: In chemistry class students are expected to maintain their notes and all assignments in a binder.

Classroom Conduct:

1. **NO TALKING** during lectures or when class attention is called for
2. No electronic device usage during instructional time
3. Do not disturb the learning of others or yourself
4. **For safety, no eating or drinking at the bench areas**

Failure to follow these class rules will result in the following consequences (acts of insubordination will begin at the 2nd offense):

- 1st Offenses: Verbal Warning and/or Call
- 2nd Offense: Teacher Assigned Detention
- 3rd Offenses: Department Assigned Detention
- Additional Offenses: Administrative Referral

Restroom/Water/Nurse: Mrs. Williams leaves the use of these at the discretion of the students that are actively engaged in class. Per Kenwood policy only one student is allowed to use the restroom/get water at a time and never during the first and last 20 minutes of class (the science department only permits 4 passes/student/quarter). Students are expected to go to and from their destination in a timely manner as other students may be waiting to use the facilities (7 minutes). **Students that abuse this privilege will result in Mrs. Williams withdrawing restroom privileges, so please use the nearest open restroom and water fountain/water machine (2nd floor).**

Electronics: ALL electronic devices, headphones, and power cords are not to be used during class and are to be kept away unless the green go sign is shown. If students need to make contact with home please do so through the office to avoid any consequences (e.g., parents call the office or students request to go to the office to make the call). Students that struggle with this policy will be subject to Kenwood's Electronic Device consequences.

Laboratory Policy:

While performing experiments, all laboratory rules must be followed. Students are not to touch any faucets, gas jets, or lab drawers unless a lab requires it. Emergency equipment is used for just that, EMERGENCIES!!!! The back prep room is off limits to all students (Mrs. H **CANNOT** give you permission to be back there during your instructional time with me). Failure to adhere to this policy will result in you being removed from the lab and having to come after during coach class to make it up within one week. Students that do not have their syllabus and lab contract signed will not be permitted to participate in labs and a grade of (M)issing will be assigned.

Assignments/Assessments:

Students are provided a reminder section on their drill sheet to list due dates and upcoming assessments/projects. Periodically students will be required to submit typed assignments (handwritten will not be accepted). If students do not have access to a computer at home they may use the school library before or after school or go to the library for a maximum of 45 minutes during class (the assignment must already be written out by hand first / students are responsible for any missed work). During quizzes and tests there is to be no talking/imitation of talking that makes the testing proctor think that you are talking or using electronic devices (this includes headphones near ears). Failure to adhere to these rules will result in a grade of (M)issing for the assessment until the student makes arrangements to come after school during the next available help session (during a student's lunch hour will not be allowed) to take a similar, but different assessment.

Redo Policy: All students have the option to redo assignments per BCPS policy. In order to redo an eligible graded assignment all missing non-graded assignments with the standards being graded must be completed prior to being able to redo the quiz/test (e.g., if the quiz assesses 'atomic structure' then all non-graded assignments with 'atomic structure' in the title must be completed before a redo will be allowed). Check lists of these required assignments will be provided for your convenience on many of the redo sheet(s).

Attendance: Chemistry is a rigorous course with heavy emphasis on critical thinking and laboratory work. Regular attendance, punctuality, completion of homework, and readiness to learn are essential for success in this class.

Grading Policy: Effective July 1, 2016, BCPS implemented a new grading policy which will provide students, parents and teachers with timely, specific and accurate feedback regarding students' progression towards mastery of learning standards. Grades will be determined according to guidelines set forth in the BCPS Grading and Reporting Procedures Manual, which can be found by visiting, www.bcps.org/academics/grading/Grading-and-Reporting-Procedures.pdf.

In this course, student work will fall into one of two categories - Graded or Ungraded.

- While viewing students grades in BCPSOne; if a student receives an "M" on an assignment, it indicates the student has **NOT** completed and submitted that assignment. It is expected that students complete and submit this assignment within a given time period provided by their teacher and in accordance with the BCPS grading policy (four school days).
- While viewing students grades in BCPSOne, if a student receives a "LS" on an assignment, it indicates they have attempted the assignment, but have scored below a 50% on the assignment. Students are encouraged to work with their teacher to redo the assignment in order to demonstrate mastery of the learning outcomes.

If you should have specific questions about the BCPS grading policy, I encourage you to visit the manual or contact me directly to discuss in more detail.

Deadlines for makeups and redos are set at the beginning of the year, communicated through BCPSOne, and are strictly adhered to. Students are encouraged not to wait until the last minute to submit items because there will be no exceptions to the deadlines or extensions.

Plagiarism: All students are expected to submit their own original work for all assignments. Frequently alternate versions are used, so please focus on your questions and not those of another. Students that violate this will have their assignment entered in as missing and will be required to complete the redo version. Students will also be subject to the following consequences:

- 1st Offense: Conference with Teacher and Contact home
- 2nd Offense: Academic Referral

Students that are part of SSA, AVID, or IB programs may have additional and/or different consequences as outlined in their program.

After School Help: After school help is available Wednesday's from 2:15-3:00 pm in Room 205. There will be no coach class the last week of each quarter.

Students may also use this time to make up a test, quiz, or lab that was missed due to absence (labs are packed up after two coach classes pass). Redo request forms for quizzes and tests must be completed and submitted by Monday to be eligible to redo a quiz or test on Wednesday that week (assume approval is granted if all requirements are completed).

If there are any questions regarding the Chemistry Syllabus or anything in general please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Williams via the contact information at the top of the syllabus.

This paper is to be filled out, signed and returned to Mrs. Williams.

Chemistry Period _____

Printed Student Name

Printed Parent/Guardian Name

Contact Information:

Home Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

**Please be sure to login to BCPSOne frequently to review your child's grade.

STUDENTS: I have read the Chemistry Syllabus and have had the opportunity to ask questions about the part(s) that I did not understand.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): I have reviewed the syllabus and have listed any additional questions, concerns, or information that I would like to share below.

Signature _____ Date: _____

If you feel that your child has any special needs as a result of a medical condition/disability that are not currently on file with the school please contact either the nurse and/or special education office to get accommodations in place for him/her by calling the school.

Please list any questions/information to share below:

Students and parents/guardians can find a copy of the Chemistry Syllabus on www.bluebirdchemistry.weebly.com if ever misplaced