

# Welcome to RRHS Chemistry!

We are so excited to have you joining our team for a journey through the exciting world of chemistry. We look forward to helping you delve deeper into the study of matter and energy. This field is providing new opportunities in our world every day and we are so thrilled to help you explore some new ideas and strengthen your skills as scientists!

## The Chemistry Team

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## On-Level Chemistry Grading Policy

Category	Included Grades	Weight
Labs/Activities	Variable based on Unit Length	40%
Tests	3-4 per marking period	30%
Daily/Quizzes	3-4 per Unit	30%

\*Grading policies are subject to change, however, any changes will be consistent throughout the department. All tests and quizzes are developed as a department.

## OL Chemistry Course Guidelines

Grading Policy*	Retest Policy
<p>Grading for Chemistry will occur through daily work, tests and lab work.</p> <p>Labs/Activities will account for 40% of each six week grade.</p> <p>Daily/Quizzes will account for 30% of a six week grade</p> <p>Labs will count for 30% including lab performance and formal lab assessments and will include labs in which multiple skills, processes and content will be assessed.</p> <p>*Grading policies are subject to change! Please see teacher website for current policies</p>	<p><b>Students who earn less than a 70% on an assessment have the option to retake that assessment for up to a 70%. <u>All retakes MUST be completed by 9 am on Friday of the last week of the 9 week period. Any work received past that point will not be accepted.</u></b> The student will have <b><u>one opportunity to retake.</u></b> In order to qualify for a retest, the student must complete relevant assignments and/or supporting activities as directed by the teacher.</p> <p><u>This may include, but is not limited to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completion and/or correction of related assignments.</li><li>• Attending tutorials and correcting quizzes.</li></ul>

## Absences

It is the student's responsibility to collect missing assignments, complete, and submit all work. Students who are unable to attend class will be expected to **email their teacher on or before the day of the absence** to receive make-up work. The chemistry teachers are extremely willing to work with absent students and help them keep up with the course material from home. The expectation is that students will communicate their absences with their teachers.

## Late Work/Opportunity for Improvement\*

To be successful in chemistry, it is important that work be submitted in a timely manner. This ensures that students are receiving feedback in an equally timely manner. Our goal is for the late work policy to assist students in keeping current with their progress.

### Late work policy:

- Each assignment will have a set due date.
- Work that is late may receive up to a 70% and must be turned in by 9 am on Friday of the last week of the 9 week period. Any work received past that point will not be accepted.
- If an assessment is missed, the student will have 2 weeks, **or** until the end of the 9 weeks (whichever is sooner) to take the test for full credit. After this time, the maximum grade for the test is a 70%.

### Opportunity for Improvement

- Grades less than a 70% on daily assignments will be eligible for an "upgrade" if you can demonstrate you have learned the material on the unit test or corresponding major lab.
- Upgrades will be for a maximum of 70%.

\*Please refer to RRHS grading policy for greater detail.

## Supporting Chemistry Success

**Tutorials:** Teachers will be available to students for tutorials per the posted Chemistry Teacher Tutorial Schedule. All the chemistry teachers tutor each others students. Students are expected to show up to tutorials with whichever teacher is posted for the time slot, per the student's own schedule and convenience.

**Grades:** Please keep track of your student's progress through our online grade book. A link to the online grade book is provided below:

[Home Access Center Login](#)

For questions accessing student grades online, contact your student's alpha office.

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### Required Materials

**Devices:** Chromebook or other internet-capable device

**Other: \$5 for Pre-Printed Booklets (paid once to cover the whole school year)**

**At least 1 Pen and 1 Pencil**

**Recommended: Highlighters**

**Accounts:** Log-in for Classlink and Schoology (provided by RRHS)

## Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is essential to learning.

Any attempt to submit another person's work as your own is considered cheating, and violates the RRHS Code of Conduct. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Sharing (GIVING) answers or photos of work to another student
- Using (TAKING) answers or photos of work from another student
- Submitting work (USING) completed by any student other than yourself

Per this Code of Conduct, any assignment that a student originally cheated on can only be made up to a maximum grade of a 60%.

If any work falls under suspicion as being academically dishonest, the student will be expected to complete an alternative assignment under the teacher's discretion.