

# Chemistry Syllabus

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## Course Description and Expectations:

Chemistry is the science that seeks to understand the behavior of matter by studying the behavior of atoms and molecules. Content will be presented through lectures and discussions, diagrams, videos, laboratory investigations and projects. Students are expected to work together and be active participants in the learning process.

## Required Class Supplies for EVERY DAY:

### **Science notebook/journal, proper writing utensils, and school laptop**

Backpacks, purses, headphones, coats, food/drink, and small electronic devices are not on the class supply list. If students are sent to their lockers to return one of those items they could receive an unexcused tardy.

## How to Succeed in Chemistry:

1. Come to class prepared and limit absences as much as possible.
2. Take good notes in class, be an active participant, and stay organized.
3. Ask questions – in class, before/after school, or through email!
4. Prepare for assessments and quiz retakes.
5. Have fun! Arrive with a positive attitude!

## Grading:

Quizzes:	25%
Lab Reports and Projects:	20%
Exams:	50%
Journaling:	5%

95 - 100% = A	91 - 92% = B+	83 - 84% = C+	75 - 76% = D+	0 - 68% = F
93 - 94% = A-	87 - 90% = B	79 - 82% = C	71 - 74% = D	
	85 - 86% = B-	77 - 78% = C-	69 - 70% = D-	

## Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism:

Students are expected to conduct themselves with integrity. If a student is caught plagiarizing or cheating in any way, that student may earn a failing grade on the assignment or be removed from the class.

## Classroom Atmosphere:

Students are expected to contribute to a positive learning environment by respecting the rights of other students to learn, respecting the right of the teacher to teach, and by accepting responsibility for their own learning.

Time in class will be focused on learning science and therefore listening to music without permission, streaming videos, and playing unapproved games will not be tolerated. For this and any other inappropriate behaviors listed in the school handbook, students will generally receive a warning and then a detention if the behavior continues.

## Contact Information and Website:

Parents/guardians are welcome to contact me by email (hhinkhouse@riverside.k12.ia.us) with questions about student grades, behavior, or science content. Students and parents should use **hinkhousescience.weebly.com** to review science content and to keep track of science standards and learning targets.