

# Practical Chemistry Course Requirements

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**Introduction:** This is a non-regent, non-laboratory course designed to examine some fundamental concepts in chemistry. You will also learn problem solving skills that can be applied to a wide range of problems encountered in life situations.

## **Grading:**

Tests	40%
Lab Activities	20%
Homework	20%
Class work	20%

## **Materials Needed:**

Pen/pencil, binder/folder to hold class packets and notes, basic calculator

## **Examinations:**

There will be a unit exam for each unit covered. These exams are announced in advance and follow a 2 day review of the material to be tested. There may be quizzes as well. Quizzes may be announced or unannounced. If you are absent the day of the exam you have 5 days to make it up, otherwise it's a zero. Quizzes must be made up within 2 days.

For extenuating circumstances, additional time may be possible with proper documentation.

## **Laboratory Activities:**

There is a lab activity associated with each unit. Students who complete the assignment receive full credit. Since there is not a separate lab class, labs can not be physically made up. Students who are absent can write a 1 page paper on the topic and receive 75 to 100% credit depending on the activity and the paper. The paper must be handed in within 5 days otherwise it's a zero. Exceptions may apply with proper documentation.

## **Homework:**

There is homework a few times a week. It is posted on my website. Being absent the day it is assigned is NOT a valid excuse for not completing it. All homework assignments are gone over in class the day they are due, so it can not be made up.

All students should have the contact information of another student in class they can check with when they are absent. No student should ask me what they missed, they should be able to find out on their own.

**Class Conduct:**

All school and district rules apply. Additional rules will be provided to the class.  
My personal favorite - The 100% Rule. Every student follows every rule and instruction, and completes every assignment every time!

**Final Examination:**

There is a cumulative final at the end of the course. We review for 4 days during class prior to the exam. The final counts equally with each quarter and is 20% of the final grade.

**Absences:**

This is a challenging course with new material covered daily. Excessive absences are the number 1 reason why students do not pass this course!

Every student who attends this class regularly, completes their class work and homework, and puts in a solid effort passes for the year.

**Extra help:**

Help is available during class time, and during the school day provided the student has free time during my prep period.

After school help can be arranged.

**Parent Contact:**

Mrs. Petersen and I are big believers in parent contact. We will contact you if anything really good/bad is happening right away. We do reach out to every household throughout the year.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact us and we will get back to you promptly.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you/email or phone number \_\_\_\_\_