

OPEN DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

Honors Chemistry

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- I. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:** A pre IB/AP course which emphasizes chemistry's modern theoretical development. Descriptive chemistry, with emphasis on the structure and periodicity of the elements will complete the course.
- II. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Utah has developed a core curriculum which outlines specific standards for student learning. The core curriculum includes ideas, concepts, and skills which provide a foundation on which subsequent learning may be built
- III. **LEARNING ACTIVITIES:**
- Class discussions, Lectures, Assigned problems and questions (mostly worksheets) Laboratory experimentation, Examinations, Quizzes (may be given daily), and Demonstrations
- IV. **SPECIAL RULES:**
- A. Safety-goggles **MUST** be worn by all individuals, **ON THEIR EYES**, AT ALL TIMES IN THE LABORATORY. Students may bring their own goggles.
 - B. Students that do not adhere to laboratory safety rules will not be allowed to work in the lab and will receive no credit for lab work.
 - C. Students are expected to adhere to the school attendance and tardy policies in relation to home excuses, school excused absences, and school admit slips.
 - D. Cheating on assignments or tests creates a very unpleasant atmosphere in the classroom. In being honest with me, yourself, and your classmates, we are all making the statement that we do not approve of unethical practices. Cheating on assignments or tests will result in a failing grade (score of 0) on the assignment or test for **ALL** parties involved. This includes lab write-ups.
 - E. Each student is expected to bring a pen or pencil, textbook, scientific calculator and note taking materials to class each day.
 - H. Before participating in ANY lab, the student must return the Flinn Scientific's Student Safety Contract signed by both the student and the parent/guardian.

V. **GRADING SYSTEM:**

- A. The student will complete classroom assignments to the satisfaction of the teacher. The grading standards will change during the year as the students' skills improve.
- B. Final grades are calculated with the following weighted average:
Daily Grades = 25 %, Quizzes = 20%, Labs = 20% (at least 2 per quarter),
Tests = 30%, Test Corrections = 5%.
- C. Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

92% - 100% A	82% - 87% B	72% - 77% C	62% - 67% D
90% - 91% A-	80% - 81% B-	70% - 71% C-	60% - 61% D-
88% - 89% B+	78% - 79% C+	68% - 69% D+	< 60% F

- D. Due to the nature of labs, it may not be possible to make them up if missed. If a lab is missed due to an EXCUSED absence, then an alternate assignment will be offered to the student instead of receiving a 0 (zero).
- E. If a student continues to break lab rules, then he/she will not be allowed to participate in any further labs resulting in a 0 (zero) for all subsequent labs.
- F. Tests may be made up before or after school hours; the student should make arrangements to take the test prior to an absence or on the first Monday after school after the test is given. **Tests must be made up within this timeframe or a 0 will be the score assigned to the student.**
- G. Academic success is dependent upon participation in the classroom activities. Absences cannot be used as an excuse for being unprepared or for not completing assignments.
- H. I expect assignments to be handed in on time; as a general rule, late work will **NOT** be acceptable. If there are unusual circumstances, the students will need to consult with the teacher.
- I. A student's progress in the class may be accessed through the power school grading system at any time.

VI. **INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:**

- A. Daily notes / lectures / worksheets.
- B. Students will need SEPERATE notebooks for labs and daily work / notes. The lab notebook must be one in which pages are not designed to be removed (such as a composition notebook).
- C. Handouts and assignment (as well as notes) are available on my website <http://chemistry.christianedgar.com>.
- D. Make-up time and extra help will be offered, as a general rule, each Monday after school and EVERY morning before school around 7:15 AM.

I have received a copy of the Honors Chemistry open disclosure document,

Student: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____