Course and Contact Information
Chemistry 1 *Periods 3, 6*
Chemistry 1 Honors *Periods 1, 4, 5, 7*
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Materials needed
- Pencils
- Pens (please no lime green/yellow, very hard to read)
- Spiral Notebook
- Loose leaf paper (testing)
- Scientific Calculator (Ti-30 XIIS is what our class uses predominantly, ~10$ at Walmart)
- Box of colored pencils and/or crayons
- Scissors

***You must bring your charged laptop to school every day as part of a materials check (1 pt every day for having proper materials ON YOUR DESK: PT, pencil, laptop, notebook, calculator)***

Major topics to be covered in this course:
- Matter and Measurement
- Understanding the Atom
- The Periodic Table
- Ionic Bonding and Nomenclature
- Covalent Bonding and Nomenclature
- Chemical Composition
- Chemical Reactions
- Stoichiometry
- Energy Changes and Reaction Rates
• States of Matter  
• Gas Laws  
• Acids and Bases  
• Reaction Rates and Solutions  

**Assignments and Grading**

60% Summative Assignments (Exams/Projects/Labs)

40% Formative Assignments (Materials Checks, Notes Checks, Notebook Checks, Quizzes, Worksheets, Textbook Problems, Labs, other daily assignments)

***Taking a picture of your notes does not count as taking notes. Paper notes are required and will be checked daily***

To help students monitor their academic progress, grades will be posted and updated weekly in gradebook. Canvas assignments are expected to transfer over to gradebook upon grading. All assignments, class work, quizzes, and tests are graded with a specific point value. Overall grade in class is determined by dividing the total points received by the total points possible. The Volusia County grade scale will be used in determining your letter grade.

**VCS Grading Scale**

- **90-100 A**  
- **80-89 B**  
- **70-79 C**  
- **60-69 D**  
- **0-59 F**

**Academic Dishonesty**

*All work that you submit must be your own work.*

You may not do any of the following:

1. Turn in or copy someone else’s work.
2. Copy someone’s work and change a few of the words.
3. Copying words from a source without citing it and giving credit to the source.
4. Attempt to use any notes on a closed-note assignment.
5. Look at someone else’s work during a quiz, test, or otherwise individual assessment.
6. Tamper with lab data to achieve better results

See the following page for policies regarding assessments and attendance

**If you are marked present for all other classes but mine on test day without communication, you will be assumed for skipping. A referral along with parent contact will follow**

**If you skip class on the day of a test or a quiz, you will automatically receive a 0 (zero) for that test or quiz and no make ups will be given**

**The same goes for cheating...If you are caught cheating on a quiz or test, you will automatically receive a 0 (zero) for that test or quiz and no make ups will be given**

Retake policy

Unit tests, which usually cover a single topic, will be given at the end of each section covered in class. Opportunities for improved credit will be given for summative assessments only. Methods include test corrections, curved grades, or taking a completely new exam. The method offered will depend on the status of where the course is. Certain times of the year call for curving, while more time available will allot for corrections/retakes. Mrs. Spencer will decide the method that is most appropriate for that assessment.

Formative assessments, such as quizzes, will be given throughout the unit to gather knowledge checkpoints before taking a summative assessment on the material. Students who are absent the day of a formative assessment will have approximately one (1) week to make up the assessment at lunch or by appointment before/after school. If the student is making up the assessment at lunch, students should be in Mrs. Spencer’s room no later than 5 minutes after the lunch bell rings. Formative assessments should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete, so students will still have an opportunity to get lunch from the lunch line if needed. If a student needs to show up at a later time, this must be communicated beforehand.

Labs

Depending on the topic being covered, labs may be conducted. Unsafe behavior in the lab will not be tolerated in any way, as accidents can occur. If a student demonstrates any unsafe behavior, a zero will be given for that lab, and the student will lose lab privileges for the rest of the year. Alternative assignments will have to be completed. Also, if proper lab attire (closed toed shoes, shirts with full torso and shoulder coverage, pants, hair tied back, etc.) is not worn on the day of labs, the student will not be able to attend lab and will have to complete an alternative assignment. It is the basic responsibility of everyone in the lab to make lab safety an ongoing commitment and priority.

Class Rules

The following class rules should be followed at all times with no exceptions:
- Be respectful
- Follow all procedures and school policies
- Be productive
- Be prepared
- Be on time to class
- Be responsible for your actions
- Stay in your seat unless given permission to get up

In the unlikely event that class rules are broken, the following disciplinary consequences may be used:
1. Verbal warning
2. Parent contact
3. Lunch detention
4. Referral

**Technology**

We will be utilizing various resources to access the Internet to research, review material, and submit assignments. You must hold yourselves to high expectations when you use these resources. Your time must be spent well.

Stated as #1 principle of the Bulldog Way, “Cell phone put away. Laptop out”. Therefore, students will be assigned a number in the beginning of the year which will correspond with a slot in my cell phone station. As students enter, they will place their phone in the cell phone station for the entirety of the period, unless directed otherwise. There is a charging station for students next to the cell phone slots, so students are encouraged to bring a cord and charge their phones during class if they wish. No other outlets will be used to charge phones around the room. Laptops should be charged nightly, but in the instance of the need arising, I have a charging station they can plug their personal laptop charger into for the period.

**Rewards System**

- Throughout the school year, rewards will be given for academic achievements. For example, a homework pass may be given out to the three highest test grades for a given unit.
- These rewards can be for academic reasons, leadership skills, an act of kindness, or an entire class may be given a reward for doing well on a laboratory experiment.
- Rewards are given at teacher discretion.

**Bathroom Policy/ Tardy Policy**

- As per school rules, no student may leave the classroom during the first and last 10 minutes of class.
- Failure to return to class or abuse of the restroom privilege will result in disciplinary action. If you are gone for more than 20 minutes, *parent contact will be made as a result.*
- If you are late to class, you will not have a bathroom pass opportunity that period.
- Students more than 10 minutes late to class will be marked tardy followed by being sent to student services. Administration will be notified via email as well as parent contact will be made.
Please take the opportunity to review this syllabus with your parent(s) or guardian(s). You WILL be held accountable for the information. Return the following page completed to Mrs. Spencer.

To the parents/guardians:
I am thrilled to have the opportunity to teach your child this year. This class is truly rewarding for the insight it gives a young person on life and the world around him or her. It also teaches valuable critical thinking skills that can be used in both continuing education and the work force. You will have access to your child’s grades online, anytime, by accessing Volusia County's Gradebook program. If you need assistance in setting up the account, please contact the school. Using this program will allow you to keep track of your child's attendance and grades, along with a lot of other pertinent information.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. You can always expect a timely response. I look forward to getting to know you and your child this year.

-Mrs. Spencer
jmspence@volusia.k12.fl.us

Parents and Guardians, please sign below and provide the best means of contact:

Preferred method of contact: ☐ Phone Call ☐ Email ☐ Text

Student Name: ____________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Signature: _________________________________

Print: ____________________________________________________

E-mail: ___________________________________________________

Phone number: ___________________________________________