

**Dr. Slotsky Chemistry I and II (Honors & On-Level) Room C104**

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**Visit me before 7:45 or after 2:28 in room C104**

**Parents/Guardians are encouraged to contact me with any issues or questions.**

**Classroom Policies:**

- 1) At all times students will be respectful of me, other students, and guests and their possessions.
- 2) Lecture Days: You are responsible for bringing your covered textbook, a pen or pencil, your class binder, and a calculator capable of scientific notation. There will be a 'Warmup' assignment on the board which you are responsible for beginning immediately after the bell.

Lab Days: You are responsible for bringing a pen or pencil and will be informed if a calculator is required. Do not bring other belongings on lab day. You are expected to line up and obtain goggles, gloves, or other assigned protective gear immediately after the bell.

Quiz Day: You are responsible for bringing your textbook, pen or pencil, class binder, and calculator. Your textbook will remain in your bag and your binder will be set aside for me to do binder check. You should have your Periodic Table out and ready for every quiz, and may use an instructor-approved study guide. After the quiz has been collected you should take out your textbook and work on your shoptime.

Failure to bring required items will result in loss of 'preparation' points and, if repeated, detention. If you cannot afford a binder or calculator please see me before or after school.

- 3) Lab days will be announced in advance during class. Quizzes will be given on the last day of every cycle unless otherwise informed. You are responsible for knowing the class schedule.
- 4) You are responsible for knowing and following all lab safety rules. You are required to have a spare change of clothes available on school premises during every lab day. Gym clothes in your locker are acceptable. This is because a chemical spill left on your skin can result in burns or other injuries. Any injury in lab must be reported to me and you will be sent to the Nurse for evaluation.
- 5) Clothing worn on Lab Day must be safe! No flammable clothing is allowed: this includes 'satin' polyester clothes which will melt and burn if ignited, as well as scarves, thin skirts or sweaters. 100% Cotton clothes are the best, as they char but do not burn or melt. No ties or other loose hanging items of clothing are allowed. No open-toed shoes are permitted on Lab Day. Long hair must be tied up or kept under a stocking cap or hairnet. Protective gear including goggles and gloves must be worn as directed - failure to do so will result in removal and a call home.
- 6) There is **no** eating or drinking in this classroom, as this is a chemical work area and OSHA rules apply. Students with medical notes on file with the Nurse's office allowing food/drink will be asked to move to the doorway area prior to consumption of it. No food or drink is allowed on a lab bench.
- 7) Students are to limit visits out of the classroom. Students will sign in and out of the classroom in the logbook.
- 8) All papers will be handed in with a name. No name, no credit. Traditional blue ink, black ink or pencil is required for all work. Illegible? No credit.
- 9) Cellphones, smartwatches, or other electronic devices other than calculators are forbidden.
- 10) Do not talk or move around the classroom unless you have raised your hand and been recognized. Do not talk over me, and do not talk over your classmates. When given group or pair work, you may work together using a 3-foot voice. When called back to attention, resume silence and face me.
- 11) Consequences for inappropriate classroom behavior are progressive. They will include verbal warning, request to remain after the bell, one or more detentions ranging from 30 to 90 minutes, and removal from classroom. Any classroom removal, skipped detention, or other office referral will result in a call home to parents/guardians. Any inappropriate behavior during a lab will result in immediate removal from the classroom.
- 12) If you wish to argue a consequence given to you or another student, you may do so after class. Any argument in class will result in further consequences and/or removal.

## Grading:

- 1) Your grades are determined by averaging categories:

**Semester grade:** 40% classwork, 40% quizzes, 20% shoptime & binder

**Final grade [ Honors Chemistry I]:** 45% S1, 45% S2, 10% Final Exam

**Final grade [ Honors Chemistry II]:** 45% S1, 45% S2, 10% Honors Project Presentation

- 2) **Classwork Grades:**

A lecture day is 10 classwork points. A typical breakdown would be 2 points - preparation, 2 points - warmup assignment, 3 points - notes, 3 points - problems & homework. For full credit, all activities must be done in the time allotted. All activities are graded. Late work will not be accepted except in case of excused absence.

A lab day is worth 20 classwork points. A typical breakdown would be 4 points - preparation, 8 points - lab work, 8 points - lab handout/writeup. A late writeup will lose one full grade point for every day that it is late.

Honors Chemistry II students will be earning lab points by doing their own project plans, conducting lab work, and writing brief reports afterward.

Participation points will be worth 10 classwork points per cycle.

- 3) **Shoptime Grades:**

Shoptime assignments will be given on quiz day, and will also be posted on the class Fusion page. Note that Honors and On-Level sections will generally have different shoptime assignments! Shoptimes are not accepted early, and are due at the beginning of the following cycle. One full grade point will be deducted for every day that a shoptime assignment is late.

- 4) **Binder Checks:**

You are responsible for keeping all work organized in a binder. This includes handouts, vocabulary, notes, classwork, study guides, and any corrected/returned work including homework and lab writeups. While you may organize these subtopics any way that you like, I require that you label and divide each unit (usually one per cycle).

- 5) **Quizzes:**

Quizzes will be given at the end of a cycle, although this may be changed due to 'snow days' and other disruptions. Any deviations from the usual schedule will be announced in class and posted on the class Schoolwire page. It is your responsibility to make up all missed quizzes by appointment with me.

- 6) **Final Exam:**

Will be given according to Diman and science department policies.

## Make-up and Missed work

- 7) If you have an excused absence during an academic cycle, you **MUST** see me within two days of your return or missed assignments will be scored as a zero (0). If you are in shop when you return, still see me within two days before or after school (before 7:45 AM or after 2:28 PM).
- 8) My scheduled Extra help/ Make-up work day is Tuesday after school. I will also schedule appointments to stay after school with you if needed. Please see me as soon as possible if you need something and cannot make it on a Tuesday.

## REMEDIATION POLICY

If at any time during the school year, I feel that you are not performing to standards I will require you to attend one or more support sessions. These sessions will take place on Tuesdays during my normally scheduled after school time. If I request a remediation appointment, I will give you at least twenty-four hour notice to allow you to make arrangements. If you do not keep an appointment, I will refer you to Dr. Kate Warren for disciplinary measures. Please remember that these remediation appointments are not punitive; they are to assist you to reach or maintain work that is consistent with what I expect of you. Any midterm grade below 70% will result in a Success Plan being issued, and Remediation will be required.