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Ms Randall

Welcome to General Chemistry 2015-2016

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to General Chemistry. This course is designed to reinforce the New York State Learning Standards in chemistry. The topics for study may include laboratory safety, scientific method, matter, the periodic table, atomic structure, bonding, acids and bases, and environmental chemistry.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

Students are required to bring to class each day:

- Ring binder to write notes in, to hold unit packets and various worksheets
- Pen(s) AND pencil(s)
- Reference tables (each student will be given their own the first week of class).
- Unit Packets (contain daily worksheets) will be provided.
- Scientific calculator.
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GRADING:

Exams, quizzes, labs, homework and classroom participation each represent a percentage of a student's overall grade. This is an inquiry based course with focus on laboratory and project based learning as reflected in the grading policy as outlined by the science department.).

ATTENDANCE AND TARDINESS:

Regular attendance is *crucial* for success. If you are absent you are still responsible for all material covered in class and all assigned homework. Any student who misses 3 or more days must see me to arrange a schedule to make up work missed during the student's absence. Students must be in class in their seats and prepared to work when the bell rings. If a student is late to class they must have a pass. Chronic lateness will affect your grade!

HOMEWORK: Homework will be assigned as need to reinforce concepts learned in class. It is to your benefit to complete it as assigned. When you are absent it is your responsibility to find out what you missed.

LABS Labs missed due to excused absences must be made up within one week. It is your responsibility to make necessary arrangements. Labs are a significant part of your educational process. Absences and tardiness severely affect your ability to learn.

LAB SAFETY:

Safety rules in the lab will be strictly enforced. ***There are no exceptions!*** Any student who is not practicing safety in the lab will be asked to leave the lab area and will get a *zero* for the lab and will not be allowed to make it up.

CLASSROOM PARTICIPATION:

Students are expected to be prepared every class (have homework completed, and have notebook, pen/pencil, reference tables & calculator with them) and be ready to participate in classroom discussions. Unless specifically called upon, please raise your hand if you wish to contribute to the class discussion; do not shout out in class. REMEMBER: everyone's opinion can be a valued contribution. Be sure to ***ask questions when you don't understand something***. You are probably not the only person with the same question! I'm here to help and all questions are important.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Cheating is not acceptable. Plagiarism is not acceptable either. When you copy the work of others, even your friends, you are cheating for personal gain. If I catch you there will be maximum suffering allowed under the rules & regulations of William Floyd High School. My policy is posted on my website.

EXTRA HELP:

I encourage you to come for extra help if you need it. ***If you need extra help remember that this is more important than sports practice or working after school.*** Please adjust your schedules so you can make it for the help you need. Chemistry is a building block course. If you don't learn the material as we go along, you *will* have problems as we continue on with the curriculum. I am usually available for after school review the day before each Unit Test.

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS:

- Pay attention and stay on task
- Raise your hand to ask questions. Never call out **except** in an emergency.
- Look for the **Do Now** and **Objective** on the board as soon as you enter the room and start work **immediately**.
- Complete **ALL** assigned work. Worksheets started in class but not completed in class are homework. Make up missed work.
- Cell phones are **NOT** permitted in class. Texting during class will **NOT** be tolerated.
- You may talk to your lab partners when you work in groups, but stay on task.
- Sit in your assigned seat except for group work and lab work.
- Don't wait for me to start the class. You have work to do as soon as you enter the room.
- You may work with others, but don't let others do the work for you, and don't copy! You won't learn that way.
- Be respectful and responsible.
- Follow all school rules. If it is a school rule, it is a rule in my classroom.
- Study for tests and quizzes. They count a lot!
- Remember that you and I are on the same team. You want to succeed. I want you to succeed. You want to enjoy my class. I want you to enjoy my class. I expect you to do your best. You should always give your best!

Let's work together to make this year a success!!

Ms. Randall

Ms. Terri Randall
William Floyd High School
Science Department
"Learning is in the doing."

Ms. Randall

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Please read and keep this General Chemistry course syllabus provided to your son/daughter. Your son/daughter must spend time reviewing topics/studying new material *each day* and completing all assigned work on time in order to succeed. If a student receives less than a 70% on an exam they must complete a post exam reflection which requires a parent/guardian signature in addition to test corrections. I believe that students should continue to correct misunderstandings in order to make progress with the content.

Parental contact is accomplished through the usual methods such as progress reports (every five weeks) and report cards (every 10 weeks). This allows you to be informed early about missing labs so they can be dealt with in a timely manner. All missing work can be found through the school district's parent portal

You can reach me via e-mail at trandall@wfsd.k12.ny.us. I would prefer to communicate via e-mail since it avoids missed phone calls, however, if you need to contact me by phone I can be reached by leaving a message in the main office of the high school: (631)874-1169. Please make sure to leave the name of the student you are calling about, a phone number you can be reached at and the best time to reach you at that number.

The Success of your son or daughter is important to both of us! I encourage, and look forward to, your involvement in his/her education. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

I look forward to meeting you at back to school night!

Regards,

Ms. Randall

Ms. Terri Randall
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Please print your name and email address neatly, sign, tear off and ***return this bottom section only:***

Student Name
Date

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Name
Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

*** Please provide an e-mail address where you (parent/guardian) can be reached:**
