

Chemistry
Syllabus 2011-12
Mr. Keating

Grading

Grades will be calculated using a total points system. Every assignment, test/quiz, and experiment will be worth some number of points. Homework points are not equal to test/quiz points.

Homework will be graded for completion at the beginning of every class period that applies. If you have completed the homework, you will receive full credit; if it is only partially finished, you will receive half credit. Homework will usually not be collected. It will be discussed in class the same day it is due. This way, you can see what part (if any) of the homework you didn't understand. At any time, you may ask questions you may have regarding the homework assignment. Homework will occur almost every day.

If you are absent one day, the homework that was due the day of your absence is due the day you return. If you are gone two or more days, the work is due the day you return and you will have one day for each day of absence to make up your work. Except under special circumstances, no late homework will be accepted more than two weeks after it is due. If you are truant, you will receive a zero for any work that was due the day you were truant. If you are tardy, you will receive half credit on any assignment that was due before you arrived in class. Those assignments will be considered late.

Tutorial is an excellent time to come in for extra help on any homework that you do not understand. I will be in room 206 for tutorial. If you want extra help after school, see me to make arrangements. Usually I can stay until 3:30 - 4:00pm.

Quizzes may be given weekly. Chapter tests will be given at the end of each chapter. Chapter tests often consist of two parts: concept/vocabulary and math computations. Laboratory experiments will be done when applicable.

Assignment sheets will be available so you can keep track of your own grades. I will give you a printout of homework points not completed and quiz/test points missed at midterm.

My grading scale is as follows:

90.00 %	-	100.00 %	A
80.00 %	-	89.99 %	B
70.00 %	-	79.99 %	C
60.00 %	-	69.99 %	D
0.00 %	-	59.99 %	F

Please note that a grade of 89.99 is still a "B." There will be no rounding. This may seem harsh, but I need to set standards that are clear and concrete.

Material to be covered

Our textbook will be Holt Chemistry by Myers & Oldham. We will cover Chapters 1 – 9, 12, & 15, but not necessarily in that order. The following Illinois State Learning Goals are covered in this class:

11.A.4a-e

12.C.4a, b

12.D.4b

12.F.4a, b

13.A.4a-d

13.B.4a, b