**Riverside High School**

**Chemistry Syllabus**

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Chemistry Honors is an inquiry-based curriculum designed to enhance students' understanding of chemistry and its practical applications. The course includes various learning methods, including hands-on activities, labs, and theoretical problem-solving. Students will learn to work independently and in groups to achieve learning objectives.

**Required Materials:**

* Loose notebook paper
* Three-ring 2-inch binder
* Scientific calculator
* #2 pencil, pen, and highlighter
* Student ID

**Class Rules:**

* Be punctual and arrive on time.
* Always come prepared with the required materials.
* Be attentive and stay focused.
* Take responsibility for yourself, your belongings, and your work.
* Show respect through your actions and words.
* Dress appropriately.

**Specific Class Rules:**

* Attend class ready to learn.
* Personal grooming, eating, and drinking should be done outside of class time.
* Respect yourself and take responsibility for your actions.
* Follow all school-wide policies.
* Class begins and ends with the bell; utilize every minute for success.

**Disciplinary Procedure:**

* Warning
* Teacher/student conference
* Phone call to the parent
* Parent/Student/Teacher conference
* Referral to the Dean (order may vary based on the offense)

**School Policies:**

* Follow all school policies outlined in the code of conduct, including dress code, behavior, cell phone usage, and electronic devices.

**Parent Involvement:**

* Parental involvement is vital for success in this class.
* Schedule appointments through the Dean's office for clarifications or concerns.
* Stay informed about important dates and announcements through BLOOMZ or email.

**Grading Policy:**

* Assessments are weighted as follows:
	+ Tests / Projects: 35%
	+ Quizzes: 25%
	+ EEAs / Homework / Lab work / Participation: 40%

**Unit Project:**

A unit project or chapter challenge is assigned for each chapter. Specific instructions will be provided at the beginning of each unit.The project significantly impacts the student's grade.

**Science Fair Project:**

Interested honors students can participate in the science fair. Discuss project proposals with the teacher before the end of September. Plagiarism is not allowed; detailed instructions will be provided.

**Exit Tickets, Quizzes, and Tests:**

* Assessments such as quizzes and tests are announced, no surprises.
* Exit tickets may be retaken within a week.
* Quizzes may be retaken with a parent note.
* Tests cannot be retaken.
* All those absent on a test day must bring a parent note to take a test.

**Class Work and Activities:**

* Participation and completion of assignments are essential for success.
* Use class time effectively to complete assignments.

**Homework:**

* Homework is assigned as necessary, typically taking 20-30 minutes.
* Some assignments are research-based and may require internet use.
* Stay informed about homework due dates.

 **Tutoring:**

* Tutoring is by parent request only.
* Email or text the teacher via Bloomz 24-48 hours in advance to schedule.

**Make-up Work:**

All make-up work can be accessed on www.riverside.com. When absent, email me and know what you were taught that day and then go to this website to take notes from the video resources posted. When in doubt, text or email the teacher. Make-up work will only be accepted from absent students with excused absence(s). Please refer to the student code of conduct published in the district website to find how many days are assigned to turn in the make-up work for students with excused absences. If you are in class, you are expected to do what is assigned when it is assigned. Any missed work due to an absence is your responsibility. This course is not designed to be a correspondence course. Due dates are due dates. Therefore, be proactive to be successful.

**Hall Passes:**

* Students are not to use the restroom during the first and last 30 minutes of class.
* Please sign out before you leave and sign back in after you come back.
* Getting a hall pass is a privilege. If you misuse it, you lose it.

**Communication**

The best way to contact me with your concerns or questions will be via email which will be addressed within 24 hours. Parents can contact me at the school by scheduling an appointment with the Dean’s office by phone **904- 381 – 3930** or through e-mail at jesudossj@duvalschools.org

**Final Instructions**

Once you and your parent/guardian have read this document, please sign the acknowledgement sheet, and return it to class when we meet next. **The signed** **acknowledgement form with your parent or guardian is for a grade!**

I am excited about this year! I hope you are too!