

MHS Chemistry

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Text: Basic Chemistry by Timberlake/Timberlake

Website: www.neffsclassroom.com

Materials:

1. scientific calculator: If you don't need a graphing calculator for a math class I recommend a TI 30 XII which can be purchased for about \$15.
2. 3-ring notebook
3. Internet access

Goals:

1. We will develop analytical and critical thinking skills
2. We will develop expository writing skills
3. We will develop skills with record keeping and organization of data.
4. We will develop an appreciation for science as an industry and a skill.

Classroom procedures and expectations:

1. Lectures will be delivered from your Moodle account. You will be expected to watch and take notes over the lectures prior to class. Each lesson will have points associated with it.
 - a. The Moodle account can be found at www.neffsclassroom.com/moodle
2. All bags and purses need to be placed under your desk and kept there at all times.
3. **Cell Phones and MP3 players:**
 - a. **Cell phones are not to be used without instructor permission during class.**
 - b. **You may use your MP3 players during work time only. Headphones must be stowed away at all other times.**
4. Safety in the classroom and the lab come first. Follow all directions, use common sense in the lab, and absolutely no horseplay.
5. Allow your classmates to learn and instructor to teach. We will have a very pleasant year if this expectation is followed.
6. Hand all assignments in on time.
7. **You** are responsible for keeping your own class notes and materials. If you are absent it is **your responsibility** to see me for make up work and missed information.
8. **No Food or Drink in the Laboratory area.**

9. Responsibility: Points are given for responsible behavior. This includes being on time to class, being in class, and following the rules and behavior expectations of class.
- a. Tardies: Students will lose 1 point for each tardy up to 5 tardies. From the fifth tardy forward students will lose all of the daily points.
 - b. Absences: All unexcused absences will result in a loss of all of the daily points.
 - c. Failure to comply with normal classroom rules will also result in a loss of all responsibility points.
 - d. Students who have NO TARDIES and NO UNEXUSED ABSENCES will have the option to drop their lowest unit test score.
 - e. Students who meet the above criteria AND have an A before the final will take the semester final, but the score will only be recorded if it increases the semester grade.

Grading:

Students will be graded on responsibility, homework, quizzes, tests, and labs.

Tests:

All unit tests will be composed of three parts

- a. Multiple choice: This section will be based on material that you have taken notes over.
- b. Problems: This section will be based on the practice problems that we will work in class.
- c. Essay: This section will be based upon the essential questions for each unit. There may be more than one essay on a test.

Grading Scale:

A	90% and above
B	80%-89%
C	70%-79%
D	60%-69%
F	59% and below (don't be below)