Class Guidelines

Honors Chemistry 2025-2026

Mr. Siering

**I. Grading**

The Jackson School District has adopted the following grading policy for the 2025-2026 School Year.

**Class Participation 25%**

-Participation & Preparation 10%

-Lab Work 15%

**Homework 15%**

**Assessments 60%**

**Participation** means that you come to class and meetings ready and equipped to learn, participate in discussions, activities, problem solving sessions, etc. Your behavior in class will also be taken into account.

The materials necessary for this class are: a writing utensil, binder / notebook, folder, lab folder, calculator, chromebook.

**Lab work**. Labs will be turned in for a grade. Even if you work in groups during the lab, each member of the group is held accountable for their own write-up. No two write-ups should be identical. If this is the case, both labs may be counted as zeros. Some labs will be “informal” and will count as smaller grades, others will be “formal” and will count as larger grades. Guidelines for a formal lab report will be sent out.

Some labs will have follow up lab quizzes. These will count as assessment grades.

See the academic integrity policy for more detail.

**Homework** will be assigned frequently. It will sometimes be checked for completion, and sometimes checked for correctness. Homework assignments will vary and may include; bookwork, handouts, and flipped classroom assignments. I accept late homework assignments if a student is absent. I do not accept late homework assignments if a student is present.

Unless otherwise indicated, all assignments will be assigned and turned in digitally. Due dates will be clearly indicated.

**Assessments** will make up the majority of your grade. Assessments include tests, quizzes and lab quizzes. Tests will cover entire units at a time while quizzes may only cover a few vocabulary words or key concepts or sections of a unit.

**II. Class Policies**

**A. Seating will be assigned**.

**B. Leaving the classroom**.

1. Please limit your time spent out of class.
2. Please ask before leaving for any reason.
3. You must take a pass to leave the room.

**C. Electronics** which are not being used for educational merit are prohibited during class time. Your phone and ear buds should be away for the duration of the class period. You may not use your phone as a calculator.

**D. Food and drinks** of any kind are not allowed in this classroom. As this class is a science lab, food and drinks are a lab safety violation.

**E. Absenteeism**

1. If you are absent on the day an assignment is due, that assignment will be expected from you upon your return. I will not ask you to show me this, you must take this initiative.
2. If you are absent on the day of a test or quiz you will be expected to make it up in a timely fashion. You should schedule an appointment during office hours as soon as possible.
3. You are expected to obtain all notes from the day you were absent from a classmate. Any handouts you miss will be in a basket labeled for your class and available through classroom. Assignments are to be completed and turned for credit. I will not ask you to show me work that you missed, this is your responsibility.
4. If you are absent on a lab day, we will operate on a case by case scenario at my discretion. There are some labs that must be completed for complete comprehension of the course. These labs will need to be made up after school. Other labs help us to better see and understand our topic and if I feel you can do a supplemental assignment and still understand the concept one may be assigned in the place of the lab.

**F. Timeliness**. Being on time is crucial. If you enter the classroom after the bell without a pass, you are considered late to class. I follow the school’s policy for lates.

**G. Cheating** will not be tolerated and result in an automatic zero for all involved. No questions asked. See the academic integrity policy for more detail.

**H. Lab and project groups** will be assigned.

**I. Portal/Genesis** is updated weekly. If you or your parents are curious about your progress in class, please check the portal. I will be in touch with both parent and student if anyone’s grade is in danger.

**J. Cleanliness** is extremely important in this room especially at this time. After lab activities and class you MUST CLEAN your lab station and desk. Sinks are NOT garbage cans, neither are the bins under your desk, lab drawers, cabinets, etc. Anything and everything left here will be thrown away. Failure to clean your lab table may result in a point deduction from your lab grade. Make sure to store your personal items so that they do not present a tripping hazard.

**K. Extra Help.** The Common Activity Period allows for office hours and supervision periods. Both of which can be used as “extra help” time. You are encouraged to attend.

**L. Academic Integrity policy**

Students will be held to high standards for academic integrity. This means that dishonesty of any sort will not be tolerated. Dishonesty includes (but is not limited to) copying work from a peer, sharing work with a peer, cutting and pasting from the internet without proper citation, and self- plagiarism. More information is available in the student handbook.

It is expected that each student completes all part of each assignment individually, unless specifically advised otherwise by the instructor.

All formal lab reports will be submitted both digitally (with the instructor as an editor) and via hard copy. The revision history will be checked to insure the student created the work them-self.

Any duplicate assignments will result in zero credit given for all involved parties, and the academic integrity violation will be reported.

Please keep this page for your records.

I promise to do my best to teach you, but I can not do it without your help. You will only get out of this class what you put into it. It will take hard work, but I know that you are capable of success. I’m excited for this opportunity and I hope that you are too.

I have read and understand the guidelines for Honors Chemistry. I will do my best to follow them. I understand that I will be held to high standards and will do my best to meet them.

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