

CLASSROOM POLICIES (2008 – 2009)

1. All students are expected to attend class everyday. You must have a **valid readmit** when you return to class.
2. **Make-up work** due to an absence is your responsibility. **If you are in class, you are expected to do what is assigned when it is assigned.** If you are absent the day of a test, you must take the test the next day.
3. **Be on time.** Appropriate action will be taken against excessive tardies.
4. Make sure textbooks, paper, pencil or pen, and calculators are brought to class everyday. ***NOTE:** THERE WILL BE NO TALKING DURING CLASS, NO GUM CHEWING, NO EATING, NO SLEEPING, AND NO GROOMING!!! ***DO NOT LEAVE TRASH ON THE FLOOR OR IN DESKS!!!**
5. No **cell phones** or other electronic devices are allowed to be used in class. **Emergency Hall Passes Only!!!!**
6. All students must **dress appropriately** as outlined by the Duval County School System Dress Code. **ID's must be worn and must be visible at all times!!!**
7. Everyone will conduct themselves in an appropriate, well-mannered fashion and will have respect for all persons and their property. **Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated!!!**
8. There will be 3-4 exams given each grading period. Any student caught **cheating** on a quiz or exam will be given an **automatic "0"!!!**
9. **Progress reports** will be issued each quarter at mid-term for all students. **Scholarship warnings** may be issued at any time during the grading period for students who are failing or are in danger of failing.
10. **All homework papers are due at the beginning of the class period.** Any paper not received at this time **will not be accepted**, and a **"0"** will be given for the assignment. (***EXCEPTION:** Lab papers may be turned in a day late at a loss of 15 points.) ***DO YOUR OWN WORK---Cheating will not be tolerated!!!**
11. 20 point quizzes will be given at regular intervals during the quarter. However, **only the best 5 quizzes will count** at the end of the grading period. ***NOTE:** A QUIZ GIVEN ON A DAY YOU ARE ABSENT CANNOT BE MADE UP!!! **This will count as one of your drop quizzes.** You should have ample opportunity to take 5 quizzes before the grading period is over.
12. **Mini-assessments** and **district formatives** will be given periodically to assess student progress. **All mini-assessments and district formatives will factor into the students' grade.**
13. Your quarter grade will be determined as follows:

*Tests and Quizzes	50%
*Homework/Class work/Reading	25%
*Laboratory Reports	25%
14. *Duval County Grading Scale: A 90 – 100 B 80 – 89 C 70 – 79 D 60 - 69 F Below 60
15. A comprehensive final exam will be given at the end of the year that will count 1/9 of your final grade. (***NOTE:** A district end of course exam will be given that will count 50% of the final exam grade!!!!)
16. Although not mandatory, calculators are suggested for chemistry classes!!! ***NOTE:** Cell phones cannot be used as calculators!!!
17. **Extra help sessions** are offered **any afternoon after school** unless I have a meeting to attend or a prior commitment. Please take advantage of these help sessions if needed!!!
18. **All laboratory activities missed due to a class absence will be made up after school at 2:30 p.m. on a designated afternoon** --- you will be given 2 –3 days notice to make arrangements to stay. If you do not stay to make up the lab, the grade will automatically become a **"0"**.
19. **Grade recovery, for students earning a "D" or "F" as a quarter grade,** will be available to students that have made a **good faith effort** to pass during the grading period. **Grade recovery is not automatic!!!!**
20. **All Honors students** must complete a science project which will count 25% of the 3rd quarter grade.