***Welcome to Ms. Davis’ Cougar Chemistry***

***Website:*** [***www.schoology.com***](http://www.schoology.com)

***Classroom Policies, Procedures, and Expectations***

 Welcome Cougars to Chemistry!!! You will learn chemistry through a variety of activities in an orderly, work-oriented environment. You will become prepared for college by working hard and dedicating time to this class.

**Classroom policies**

1. **Bring all required materials** to class daily (covered books, binders, lab notebook, pens, pencils, calculator, etc…).
2. **NO EATING OR DRINKING** allowed in the class. I will allow bottled water only.
3. **Be honest and respectful of ideas, of people, and of their property.**

My classroom will be a safe place to explore ideas and be who you are. Respect the privacy, property, and responsibilities of others. Classroom materials are being loaned to you. When equipment or materials are assigned to you, you are responsible for them. Failure to respect property will result in consequences including financial responsibility for damaged property.

1. **Maintain a safe, orderly, and clean environment.**

 Immediately report any injuries or broken materials. Clean up behind yourselves.

1. **Class dismissal** is by the teacher. Clocks and bells do not dismiss the class. Stay seated until dismissed by the teacher. Please do not prepare to leave or line up by the door prior to the end of class.

**Please Do Not interfere with a classmate's right to learn or the teacher's**

**right to teach.**

\*\*\*\*\*Cell phones, electronic devices, etc… will be confiscated as per EPISD and Franklin High School Policy. Dress code and all of Franklin High School and EPISD district policies will be enforced. \*\*\*\*\*

**Consequences**

Failure to follow class policies and procedures will result in the following consequences.

1. Verbal warning with documentation
2. Parent notification
3. Referral

\*\*\*\*Some severe problems or problems that fall under school regulations will result in immediate referral. These infractions will be dealt with according to school policy.\*\*\*\*

**Supplies**

* 1 three ring binder w/ loose leaf notebook paper, a title page (with your name, Chemistry and period), four dividers (bell ringers, notes, class work/home work (graded papers) and glossary)

\*\*\*\*NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS or shared notebook with another class

* 1 composition notebook (lab notebook)
* Pencils (all calculations must be done in pencil)
* Pens, black or blue only (all lab entries must be done in pen)
* 1 roll of paper towels (to start with, student is responsible for replenishing their supply)
* 1 bottle hand soap (for hand washing after laboratory experiments)
* Scientific calculator (must have logarithm, scientific notation, and exponents functions)
* Dry Erase Marker
* Computer with internet access (we have labs and a library if needed)
* 1 box of tissue, 1 bottle of hand sanitizer (these will be used by the class and replenished from the in hand stock throughout the year)

**Grading policy**

**Classwork/Homework /Notebook Check 20% of total grade**

**Quizzes/ Labs 30% of total grade**

**Exams /Projects 50 % of total grade**

**Final 10% of your final grade**

Your science average will be computed in the following manner:

 5(Exam avg.)+3(Lab&Quiz avg.)+2(CW & HWavg.)

#  Final Avg.= ----------------------------------------------------------------------

 10( Final)

**LATE WORK IS NOT ACCEPTED** (NO EXCEPTIONS). All homework is due in the

designated tray prior to the tardy bell. **All work** will be neat and have a **proper heading**

**written in ink** at the top right corner (first and last names, date, period); with a **centered**

**title** (e.g., Scientific Method Worksheet). Copying someone else’s work and presenting it

as your own is not only dishonest but illegal----whether your neighbor’s homework, a

web page, or word for word answers from your chemistry textbook. Students who copy

work will receive a “zero” on the assignment, as will any student who knowingly

supplies the original work. Cheating including plagiarism will not be tolerated. Cheating

will result in me contacting your parent/guardian as well as disciplinary action including

a zero on the assignment and all assignments related. There will be weekly quizzes that must be taken and submitted through schoology.

**Restroom breaks**

You will be allowed to go one time during a nine week period. After you have gone once you may not go again so use your opportunities chance wisely. Remember that restroom breaks are a PRIVELAGE not a RIGHT! Take care of this on your own time during your break.

**Tutoring and being successful in the class**

I am available for tutoring before school from 8:15 – 8:30. Chemistry, as most sciences, is built upon prior knowledge. Please keep up with reading assignments, classwork, and homework. DO NOT fall behind. Exams are 50% of your grade; therefore, doing well requires effort and commitment on your part. You are responsible for keeping up with your grades via student portal.

**Absences and make up work**

When you are absent it is **your responsibility** to check the calendar and ask your classmates for the missed notes and to copy them on your own time. Make up work will be provided for EXCUSED absences ONLY. **Remember, for every day absent you have one day to make up the assignment and return it otherwise a zero is given**. Any UNEXCUSED absence will receive a “zero” for any assignments for that date.

**Laboratory Experiments**

Chemistry requires learning through experimentation. In order for this to be accomplished a certain maturity must be exercised in the laboratory environment. To have a successful year full of on hand learning experiences we need to work together to make this happen. There will be no unauthorized experimentation. Often when you come to class you will notice equipment set out; under no circumstances are you to handle or conduct your own experiments with these materials until you receive instructions. On days when labs will be performed proper attire must be worn. Failure to dress properly will result in not being able to participate in lab.

Disruptive, destructive, or unsafe behavior during labs will result in immediate suspension from the lab and a “zero” received for that laboratory exercise. The lab safety contract must be signed for participation in the laboratory.

*Lab Report Format and grading*

Title **5 points**

Hypothesis (If, Then statement) **10 points**

Materials **10 points**

Methods **15 points**

Data **20 points**

Results **20 points**

Conclusion **20 points**

**MY EXPECTATIONS**

***I expect each student to succeed****. You have complete control over your academic success. If you need additional help, you need to be proactive in asking me. I will help you succeed in any way I can. This is your education; it is up to you to make it what you want it to be.* ***I expect each student to work hard*** *at all times in the classroom. I expect you to manage your own behavior and accept responsibility for the consequences of negative behavior*. I expect all students to log into schoology (class website) and print all required materials.

***I expect all of the above policies and procedures to be followed at all times. Parents you must have a parent portal account. This is your way of keeping up with your child’s progress. Please use parent portal prior to contacting me. Most questions can be answered my logging in and checking the grades (NHI is not handed in resulting in a zero). Due to limited planning time if you still need to contact me after reviewing parent portal please by e-mail me at*** ***trdavis@episd.org******. Please allow 24 hours for a response. I respond to all e-mails If after 2 days I have not responded please resend the email, I have had correspondences get lost in cyberspace. Thank you and I look forward to a wonderful and successful year.***

I have read and understand Ms. Davis’ classroom policies. I understand what is expected of me in her class as well as what I can expect from Ms. Davis in return. My signature below acknowledges that I have read and will respect these policies. Please sign and return this page.

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Parent/guardian printed name Date

Parent /guardian signature

Email or phone number (optional)

I believe that parental involvement allows for better communication between teacher and parent thus resulting in better performance and success of the student. What happens in the classroom will affect your child’s future; therefore, your child’s time in my class will be well spent. I will make every minute count. I am looking forward to a wonderful year. With your help, we can make this happen. Please provide me with any additional concerns that you feel I may need regarding your child.

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