

Dougherty High School Honors Chemistry Syllabus

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Welcome to Honors Chemistry! This class is hard work and can be fun at the same time. This course follows the school district and state standards in Chemistry along with some preparation for the SAT II Subject Test in Chemistry and for AP Chemistry. I look forward to working with you this year and helping you to learn Chemistry! Please take the time to read this syllabus in its entirety. It is expected that you understand and adhere to the information and expectations within. If you have any questions please come ask.

COURSE DESCRIPTION FROM DISTRICT COURSE CATALOG

Honors Chemistry is designed for students intending to major in science or engineering. It provides a solid foundation for students planning to take chemistry in college. This course includes a more in-depth study of the topics covered in chemistry as well as additional topics.

CLASS RULE

Don't make anyone unhappy! That includes the teacher, your classmates, visitors, and yourself.

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

GENERAL:	EVERY DAY:	CLEAN UP:	EFFORT:
1) Safety	1) Warmup	1) Desks	1) Work
2) Respect	2) Lesson	2) Benches	2) Questions
3) Hard work	3) Clean up	3) Floors	3) Participate

HELPFUL WEBSITE

Please visit www.mychemistryclass.net for links to the notebook pages, class calendar, extra resources, etc.

NOTEBOOKS and SUPPLIES

We use a composition notebook for warmups and taking notes. We use a 3-ring binder with 5 tab dividers for our reference sheets, study materials, and worksheets. Your notebook/binder will be graded on a regular basis and will be a large portion of your class grade. There will be announced and unannounced checks. It is expected that you put **SIGNIFICANT EFFORT** into your notebook. More information will be given about these items when we begin to use them.

This class will use the following supplies. If you cannot obtain the supplies for any reason, the supplies can and will be provided.

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED – Will be used in class	Highly suggested	Optional, but fun!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Composition Notebook• 3-ring binder with 5 divider tabs• Colored pencils and/or skinny markers• Glue stick NOT tape!!!• Red and Green ball point pens• NON-graphing scientific calculator*• Small scissors• Highlighter• Black/ Blue pen AND two pencils	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small ruler• Small pencil sharpener that can collect the shavings• Small Post-it Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stickers• Glitter pens• Small envelopes

* I HIGHLY recommend the Texas Instruments "Ti-30x IIS". This is the calculator that I will be using in class, and I find it to be the easiest (and most logical) to use. You may use a different one but I am not familiar with how to use every calculator out there, and I may not know how to help you with it! Please note you are required to use the teacher provided calculator during all quizzes and assessments if/when we are in school physically.

EXTRA HELP and REMINDER

The best way to be successful is to ask questions, spend time reading the book, take notes, participate in discussions, work as many problems as possible - over and beyond those assigned for homework, and attend and actively utilize Access Period. Problem solving in chemistry is a skill that can only be improved by practice and exposure to lots of examples. If you do not do the work, you will not be successful. I am excited about this year. I love chemistry and my hope is for you to love it as well. Do not hesitate to ask for help. I am here to help you!

Perseverance

Keep calm → Track down mistakes → Learn → Improve

SCHOOL POLICIES & PROCEDURES – All policies, procedures, rules, and disciplinary actions will be followed from the DVHS Student Handbook. Please see the student handbook for further information.

DVHS and CLASS GRADING POLICY

The following grading scale will be used for this course.

	B+ 87 – 89%	C+ 77 – 79%	D+ 67 – 69%	
A 93 – 100%	B 83 – 86%	C 73 – 76%	D 63 – 66%	F 0 – 59%
A- 90 – 92%	B- 80 – 82%	C- 70 – 72%	D- 60 – 62%	

Grades on all assignments, assessments, and overall class grades are final, unless otherwise stated by your teacher. Grades are not determined on a curve, and grades are not rounded.

Grades are weighted based on the following categories. If this breakdown changes at any time, you will be notified.

% of Grade	Category
10%	Short Term Assignments (Class/Homework)
20%	Lab Work, Extended Assignments (Projects)
25%	Quizzes
30%	Tests
15%	Final Exam

**Be on task, productive, engaged ...
those are all part of doing your work!**

HOMEWORK

Dougherty Valley High School will be following the District Homework Policy (AR 6154 and BP 6154), please see the Homework Policy on the District Website as well as the Dougherty Valley High School Web Site. **Please be advised that this policy is/can be different for Honors/AP Courses**

All homework assigned will be due at the start of the next class period unless otherwise noted. Not every homework assignment will be collected and graded. Some assignments are graded for accuracy, some for completion, and some will only have select problems graded.

QUIZZES and ASSESSMENTS

In-class quizzes include both closed note and closed book quizzes, and open-note quizzes. Quizzes are often given mid unit and often after each unit. They may be announced or unannounced. Assessments may cover several units at a time. Assessments will be announced in class and/or on the class website calendar. For test security purposes, cell phones or any other electronic devices (such as “smart watches”) are not permitted on your person during an assessment. All electronic devices will be placed in a “cell phone holder” at the front of the classroom until the end of the exam. If you are found with an electronic device during the exam it will be assumed it was used inappropriately and you will receive a permanent zero on the assessment and your Assistant Principal will be notified.

TARDIES, ATTENDANCE and MAKEUP WORK

Tardies are disruptive and may interrupt the progress of other students. Be sure to come to class on time, ready to learn. Tardiness will be addressed in accordance with school policy as specified in the DVHS handbook.

Please see the Dougherty Valley High School Webpage for the make-up work policy. If you have a legally excused absence, it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to find out what the missed class work and homework assignment(s) was and to complete it.

You get the number of days absent to complete missed work. Assignments subject to change at teacher's discretion.

You get the number of days absent to complete any make-up assignments including quizzes and assessments. You get the number of days absent to complete any make-up quizzes and assessments unless it is an unannounced quiz on old material. If it is an unannounced quiz on old material you will be required to take it the day you return since studying for it was not expected. If you were only gone the day of the quiz or the assessment, you will take it upon your return to school unless other arrangements have been made with the teacher in advance. Missed quizzes and assessments must be made up during class unless I allow you to make it up during Access Period. If you would like to make it up during Access Period you must ask via email in advance so I can attempt to make arrangements. If you are absent for a quiz or assessment, you will be given a make-up version. It will cover the same material but can be different questions or a different format.

STAFF COMMUNICATION POLICY

Email is the typically the fastest and best way to reach me. As a guideline, any communication to staff, via email or telephone, should receive a response within 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays). If there is no response within 48 hours, please email or call again stating this is the second attempt. The 48-hour guideline may be affected by illness, conferences, or technology problems.

ADDING TO THE CLASS AFTER THE START OF THE YEAR

Students who add to the class after the start of the year will have their grade from their previous chemistry class transferred as an equal percentage. For example – if you exit your old class with an 85.6% you will start your new class with an 85.6%. Your grade will be transferred regardless of if you transferred from another school, from one teacher to another teacher, or you transferred from an honors to regular level chemistry class or vice versa.

LINE OF COMMUNICATION

Any questions or concerns regarding student progress in a class should be addressed through the following process per the student handbook:

1. Student communicating with teacher
2. Parent communicating with teacher
3. Parent/Student communicating with counselor
4. Parent/Student communicating with Assistant Principal
5. Parent/Student communicating with Principal

ACADEMIC HONESTY AND ETHICS POLICY

Honest behavior is an expectation at DVHS. The purpose of the policy is to create and maintain an ethical academic atmosphere in which strong behavioral consequences will be enforced. **Cheating, plagiarism, violation of test procedures will not be tolerated. Violations of academic ethics will be dealt with according to Board Policy, the California Education Code, and the [DVHS student handbook](#).**

DVHS SCHOOL LEARNER OUTCOMES

At Dougherty Valley High School, students will:

- Communicate effectively
- Become critical thinkers and problem solvers who support ideas with reliable evidence
- Practice integrity, honesty, and ethical behavior as a global citizen
- Be a responsible partner in the learning process
- Take ownership of individual growth

Syllabus is subject to change at teachers' discretion. It is possible there will be adjustments made to syllabus and/or grade categories. If this occurs you will be notified.

Donations

Individual courses are no longer asking for/or collecting donations.

PLEASE support our class and your student(s) by donating to the DVHS Education Fund.

More information can be found on the DVHS website under the “students/families” tab at the top of the home page (direct link [HERE](#)). **Thank you** for your continued support of DVHS