

**I. Textbook & Materials**

- a. Chemistry 12: A Student Workbook (Hebden)
- b. Notebook – three ring binder
- c. Pen & Pencil, ruler
- d. Scientific Calculator: {You can not do Chemistry without it!}
- e. My Web site: <http://gss.sd42.libguides.com/zucchetto>

**II. Classroom Policies****a. Leaving the room:**

- i. If you need excuse yourself from the room ask permission. It will not be withheld for a reasonable excuse. If you **abuse** the privilege it will be withdrawn.
- ii. **Dismissal from a class is at the teacher's discretion.** This may mean that sometimes you kept in after the bell or it may even mean that you may be dismissed early. **DO NOT LINE UP AT THE DOOR.** If you do you will be made to stay after the bell.

**b. Late Policy**

- i. Class will start on time so be in my class before the bell. If my door is open come in quietly and join the class. If my door is shut then knock once and wait patiently for me to open the door. If tardiness becomes a problem I will call home and discuss the matter with your parents prior to your return to class. If this does not resolve the issue then the administration will be brought into the discussion.

**c. Absentee Policy**

- i. Attendance is absolutely mandatory to doing well in this course. If you think you can learn better on you own then take the course via correspondence or on-line. The easiest way not to understand the course material is to start missing classes. This course is very difficult to learn on your own. I cannot show you the things that you need to know or to help you through the difficult material if you are not in class. **Missing classes starts a cycle of not understanding that is very difficult to overcome.** The concepts presented in this course, like many others, builds upon your previous learning. If you have not been present to understand the “previous” content then learning the new material will become even more difficult. If you think this Chemistry 12 content is challenging, just wait till college or university.

**d. Late Assignments**

There will **not** be any marks deducted for class assignments. The assignments given in this class will **not** be collected for marks. The only exception are Lab reports. Lab reports must be handed in on time at the **beginning of the class** that they are due.

**NO LABS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS POINT IN CLASS!**

There will be *weekly or bi-monthly quizzes* to ensure that you are completing the assignments. The quizzes will be based on the class assignments. Not doing the assignments usually results in poor quiz scores which partially determines your overall grade. Assignments will either be reviewed in class or solutions posted on my web page. It is up to you to check your own answers and to get help from me after school if you need to.

**e. Missed Tests**

1. If you have a *reasonable excuse* for being absent and a note from your parents then you can write the test the first class upon your return. If you have a study block that day you may choose to write the test during this block. Just be sure to discuss it with me. **{Note: The exam that you write may not be the same as the original one. It may end up being more difficult.}**
2. If you have no note then you will write the missed test the first class upon your return. If there are extraneous circumstances that may prevent you from writing the test at that moment may then bring them up with me in private. I may or may not give you an extension based on that discussion. Just remember, I will not chase after you about missed tests and a missed test will receive a **zero**.
3. Everyone can have one bad test day. A family situation could have unexpectedly cropped up or what ever. There will be two ways to remedy this:
  - **One:** To re-write a single unit test during the last week of school. This only applies to tests that you have failed or missed during the year. It can only be used once.
  - **Two:** Since the goal is to learn the chemistry 12 material over time a final exam will be given at the end of the year. The final exam will count for 20% of your mark. However, if you demonstrate complete knowledge of the topics (i.e. do better on the final than your class mark) then I can use your final exam mark as your final mark.

**f. Electronic Devices**

1. Cell phones are a great to communicate and to find information. They are fantastic devices that many of us cannot do without. However they can also be distracting and can pull your attention from my exciting lessons. The few seconds that you spend looking at a text message may cause you to miss a simple but vital piece of information that may prevent you from understanding an idea. Please turn off all cell phones and put them away while I am giving my lesson.
2. If you need to contact someone, or someone has to contact you, then do so after the lesson part of my class. Leave the classroom to make a call. If you must text someone please do so discretely but not during my lesson! Abuse of cell phone use may result being asked to leave the classroom, confiscation of cell phone, and parental contact explaining my policy. Hopefully it won't come to this.
3. All cell phones **must be put away** during a quiz or test. Any cell phone seen during a quiz or test will be confiscated and a zero will be given for that quiz or test. No excuses ... I have spare calculators if you forgot yours.

III. My Web Site: <http://gss.sd42.libguides.com/zucchetto>

This site has all kinds of useful information, from solutions to problems, to review sheets, to extra practice questions, to video links, and to other links. Having problems with some topic, then try looking at my site to see if extra help can be found there?

IV. Rights & Responsibilities

- a. We all have rights and responsibilities. It is my responsibility to treat you fairly and to respect you as an individual. It is my responsibility to ensure that you receive the necessary information to learn the topics under discussion.
- b. It is your responsibility to come to class prepared and ready to work. It is your responsibility to be respectful towards me and other members of the class. It is your responsibility to complete the work to the best of your ability. It is your responsibility to come for help when you do not understand the material. It is your responsibility to make up missed work, get extra work, and check my web page.

V. Mark Allocation

- a. Your marks will be based on:

Lab Reports	15%	}	80% of your mark
Weekly Quizzes	20%		
Unit Tests	65%		
End of Year Final Exam	20%		(Won't be applied till June)

VI. Final Words of Wisdom

- a. Be in class! You will more easily learn the material when you are present.
- b. Review your class work. Spend **10 – 20 minutes** going through any new material presented in class. Make sure you understand the new material. If you don't come see me for help. Learning new material will not always be easy. Learning anything that is worthwhile takes effort. Take a key from the "A" students. When they do not understand something they make it a priority to get help.
- c. Keep up with the work. Continually working on old material will interfere with your learning of the new material. **DO YOUR HOMEWORK!**
- d. If you are having difficulty with the presented topics then **come in for extra help**. You may have to spend 2 – 4 after-class sessions to fully learn the material. (*Sydney Crosby did not become a great hockey player by just attending **one** practise session!*)
- e. Do not give up! Keep trying and you will be successful! Most difficulties start by students missing classes, then upon your return, not understanding what is being presented. This gets you even further behind making the situation even worse. If you need extra help come in after school and get the help that you need.
- f. Going to school and doing well is a full time occupation. Please give it the time that it requires. Although working at a part time job may be necessary for you remember that you do have the rest of your life to "work".