

AP CHEMISTRY GENERAL INFO

Hello! Welcome to AP Chemistry. I am excited that you have decided to ~~torture~~ challenge yourself by taking this course and look forward to a fun and educational year working with you. To get you off on the right foot, here are a couple of things to remember:

- In all seriousness, this is a fun but **difficult** class. Please be aware that it will require a large amount of time and work, including a **significant amount of independent studying**. Due to the nature of the course, we will be covering material at a **very fast pace**. I highly advise that you **rethink taking this class if you at all suspect that you will not be willing or able to do the work required**.
- There will be assignments during **every** extended break (i.e. Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring). Please do not commit to taking this class if you will not be able to complete these assignments.
- This class will include a **large research project**. It will be assigned **after the AP exam** in the place of a final. **Your class does not end after the AP Test**.
- **If you struggle with mathematics, this is not the class for you**. There will be a lot of math, much of it **without a calculator**. You will not be allowed to use a calculator for the multiple-choice portion of the AP Chemistry exam nor during unit exams.
- This class will also involve a large amount of writing. Expect to be assigned a lab report on a near monthly basis. If you are not experienced with writing lab reports, we will spend a little time in class going over how to complete them.
- If you have not taken a high school level chemistry class before, expect to need to put significantly more work into this class than your second-year classmates. **AP Chemistry is a second-year elective course and is significantly harder than high school chemistry**. If you are planning to take this class as a first year, you should review the basics of chemistry this summer. A boot camp **may** be held over summer. More information on this will be given as it becomes available.
- Tutoring/homework help will be offered after school once a week for AP Students. More information on that will be given when we return.
- You **can be successful** so long as you are **willing to do the work**.