

# CP Chemistry Class Rules

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**THIS SHEET IS IMPORTANT. DO NOT LOSE IT.**

## Classroom Contract

All students must sign and return a form stating their understanding and acceptance of these rules. Failure to turn in a completed form will result in not being allowed to participate in lab activities.

## School Rules

All school rules are in full effect during class.

## Tardiness

Please be in the classroom before the bell stops ringing. **Failure to do so will result in a detention – no warnings.** Once you're in the classroom, you should sit in your assigned seat as soon as possible.

## Absences

### Excused Absences & Make-ups

If you are absent the day of a quiz or test, you will be expected to make up that quiz or test the day you return. If you are absent for more than one day, you will have the same number of days you are absent to make up the quiz or test. Quizzes and tests can be made up during study hall, lunch or after school. All other work must be turned in within the number of days you were absent.

### Unexcused Absences

If you miss class with an unexcused absence, unexcused tardy, or suspension, you will not be given an opportunity to make up any missed assignments, class work, tests or quizzes. These missed assignments will be recorded as zeros in the grade book and will severely affect your grade.

## Cheating

Any students suspected of cheating will receive a zero on suspect assignments and examinations. A first offense will result in me contacting your parent(s) or guardian(s), and a second offense will result in a conference with your parents and an administrator along with a recommendation for your removal from this class. **Cheating also applies to homework – do not copy other people's homework.**

## Failure

If you fail 1<sup>st</sup> semester Chemistry, you should not enroll in Chemistry again for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Chemistry is a cumulative subject, and if you fail 1<sup>st</sup> semester, it is would be exceedingly difficult to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. Roosevelt High School offers a variety of science courses that will allow you to earn your required science credits (including Environmental Science); please see me or your guidance counselor for options.

## Behavior

### Classroom behavior

Please be on your best behavior during class. I treat all of my students with respect, so in return I ask that you not be rude to me or the other students in the class (i.e. don't talk while I'm talking).

### Laboratory behavior

If you are doing anything during labs that knowingly threatens your own safety or the safety of other students, you will be immediately sent to your administrator without warning and may be removed from the class. I cannot allow your dangerous behavior to threaten the well being of other students.

### Cell phones

The use of cell phones, including texting, is NOT permitted at ANY time during class. Violators will have their phone confiscated – **no warnings** – until the end of the school day.

## Simple Lab Rules – **THESE ARE NOT NEGOTIABLE.**

### **ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GOGGLES**

You must wear safety goggles during the entire duration of a laboratory experiment. If you remove your goggles at any time during an experiment, you will be asked to sit down and will receive a zero for the lab. Your eyes are not replaceable, so please follow this rule for your own sake.

### **Do Not Do Anything Knowingly Dangerous or Destructive**

While you're in the lab, you are to follow the provided directions exactly; you are NOT permitted to modify the directions, amounts or chemicals used in the lab exercise. Additionally, you are NOT permitted to do anything that may hurt another student or negatively affect their results. **Failure to follow this rule will result in your permanent removal from the class with an 'F' and referral to your administrator for disciplinary action.**

### **Do Not Eat or Drink Anything**

During the course of the year, we will be working with chemicals that could cause you become ill if you happened to ingest them. For your own safety (and in compliance with school rules), there will be no eating or drinking in Room 207 at any time. **Failure to follow this rule will result in being asked to sit down and receive a zero for a lab.**

### **Do Not Put Solids In The Sink**

The drains in the lab sinks are easily clogged, so do not pour solids into the lab sinks. If we are doing a lab which generates solids, a solid waste container will be provided. **If you are caught placing solids in a sink, you will be given an after-school detention either unclogging the sink with a plunger or cleaning up the lab.**

### **If You Have A Question, Ask Me**

If you're not sure about something you're supposed to do in the lab, please ask me for clarification or additional explanation. *The only stupid question is the one that is not asked.*

## **Your Rights In This Class**

**You have the right to earn whatever grade you desire.**

**You have the right to express your opinions in an adult, intellectual manner.**

**You have the right to learn at your own pace.**

**You have the right to get help when you need it.**

**You have the right to ask questions.**

**You have the right to meet with me after school for any reason related to class.**

**You have the right to receive honest explanations about grades and discipline.**

**You have the right to be treated with respect, dignity, and fairness.**

**You have the right to have fun.**

**You have the right to grow.**

## **My Rights In This Class**

**I reserve the right to guide the direction of discussion in the classroom.**

**I reserve the right to get off-topic now and then.**

**I reserve the right to be wrong now and then.**

**I reserve the right to skip around in the textbook.**

**I reserve the right to assign homework and other assignments as I see fit.**

**I reserve the right to ask you to meet with me after school for any class-related reason.**

**I reserve the right to request a conference with your parent(s) or guardian(s).**

**I reserve the right to have an orderly and clean classroom.**

**I reserve the right to be treated like a normal human being.**

**I reserve the right to demand excellence from you.**

**I reserve the right to have fun.**

**I reserve the right to learn from you.**