

Materials/Textbook:

1. Myers, Thomas R, Keith B Oldham and Salvatore Tocci. California Chemistry. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 2007.
2. For access to the online textbook (usernames and passwords will be provided): <http://my.hrw.com/>
3. Scientific Calculator Required.

1st Semester Topics

(Chapters 1-5)

- The Science of Chemistry
- Matter and Energy
- Atoms and Moles
- The Periodic Table
- Ions and Ionic Compounds
- Covalent Compounds

2nd Semester Topics

(Chapters 6-15,18)

- The Mole and Chemical Composition
- Chemical Equations and Reactions
- Stoichiometry
- Causes of Change
- States of Matter and Intermolecular forces
- Gases
- Solutions
- Chemical Equilibrium
- Acids and Bases
- Nuclear Chemistry

Parents and Students are recommended to check students' progress and the most updated class information throughout the semester via internet by visiting my website at www.mrsperez.net. Grades are updated many times a week and should be checked often.

GRADING POLICY

Grades are calculated as follows:

Warm-Ups.....	10%
Classwork.....	10%
Homework.....	10%
Tests/Quizzes.....	55%
Final.....	15%

The Final Grade for the semester will be on a standard percentage scale.

A: 100%-90%; B: 89%-80%; C: 79%-70%; D: 69%-60%; F: 59% or below

Work Habits and Cooperation

- Work habits will depend on Homework/classwork completed overall for the semester.

Student completes at least 80% of classwork/homework.....	E
Student completes at least 70% of classwork/homework.....	S
Student completes less than 70% of classwork/homework.....	U
- Cooperation will depend on class participation of class activities

Student participates in all activities.....	E
Student participates in most activities.....	S
Student doesn't participate in most activities.....	U

Warm-Ups

- Assigned almost daily the first ten minutes of class. Points may vary.

Classwork

- Assigned daily during class and due by the end of class. Each assignment is graded on percent completed with proper work shown. Points may vary.

Homework

- Mostly assigned at the beginning of the chapter and due the day of the test (before the tardy bell, see semester plan for due dates). Each assignment is graded on percent completed with proper work shown. Points may vary. (10-70 points)
- Students will also receive homework points for getting their graded tests signed by a parent or guardian and turned in within one week from the day the graded tests are returned to them.

Project(s)

- May be assigned throughout the semester, such as a student portfolio that includes a collection of all the work related to this class including notes may be due at the end of the semester. Student's should keep all their work and handouts in a safe place to refer to when needed.

Tests

- Will be given with at least one day notice (see semester plan). Tests will always be similar to the homework/classwork questions or problems assigned. The number of points possible of a test may vary (~100 points).

Quizzes

- Usually given at the conclusion of each textbook section but may be given at any time. The number of points possible of a quiz may vary.

Pop Quizzes

- May be given at any time but usually given the last five minutes of class.

Extra Credit

- May be offered at any time. Extra credit can be offered as a bonus problem on a test, homework or classwork, extra credit quizzes, or answering a question that no other student can answer.
- Some assignments will be curved and provide an opportunity for extra credit on that assignment.
- Points may vary.

Make-up work: Only assignments that are missed due to an excused absence will be accepted late.

- Tests & Quizzes must be made up immediately upon returning from an excused absence otherwise zero credit will be given (see teacher).
- Homework assignments due the day of an absence must be turned in immediately upon returning from an excused absence. If the assignment or multiple assignments are missed due to an extended absence, the appropriate amount of time will be given to make it up (see teacher).
- Classwork and warm-up assignments can be made up and will be due the day after the students' return to class. If multiple assignments are missed due to an extended absence, the appropriate amount of time will be given to make it up (see teacher).

A cumulative final will be given.

I reserve the right to change the class policy to suit the best interest of the students.