**CHEMISTRY I**

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Welcome to Chemistry! Everything around us involves chemistry. We enjoy chemistry and hope that during the course of this year, you will begin to enjoy it too! **This course is challenging, but with our combined efforts, you can succeed!**

**GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS:**

* Be in your seat when the tardy bell rings
* Show respect for yourself and others by your words and actions
* Come to class ready to learn (bring supplies and a good attitude)
* Follow all school rules

**CHEMISTRY Course Overview:**

Chemistry is the study of atomic structure, chemical bonding, chemical reactions, acid-base theory, equilibrium, thermochemistry, and nuclear chemistry. The course is closely aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Both lab work and technology will be used throughout the year to enhance the concepts taught in this course.

**SUPPLIES: (Please bring these as soon as possible)**

* **Pen/Pencil**
* **Binder/Folder with pockets**
* **Loose-leaf paper**

**Class Procedures**

**ABSENCES:**

In accordance with district policy, you will have one class day per day of absence due to illness or emergency to make up work. The work from the class preceding your absence is due on the day you return to class. If you miss a class due to a school activity you are expected to get the work you will miss ahead of time. This work will be due upon your return at the beginning of the class period. If you missed a test or quiz, you must consult with me to make an appointment to make up the test or quiz as soon as possible.

**GRADES**:

**Assignment Categories**: **Semester grades** are determined as follows:

 Tests 30% First Nine Weeks 40%

 Labs 30% Second Nine Weeks 40%

 Daily work/Homework 10% Semester Test 20%

 Quizzes 30%

\*Progress reports will be issued at the end of the 3rd and 6th week of each grading period.

**CONDUCT:**

Students are expected to stay on task, participate in class activities, and respect the property and rights of others.

Students will arrive to class on time. Three tardies result in after-school detention.

No food or beverages are allowed in the science classroom.

Lab safety rules will be followed.

Cell phones/electronic devices will be used according to the teacher's instructions.

**DISCIPLINE:**

Failure to follow class rules and procedures can hinder learning and possibly be dangerous. Discipline will be handled according to the Churchill school policy.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

* Tutoring times will be discussed with the students during class and posted on teacher website.
* Email: sherna@neisd.net
* School phone: 210-356-0000 (leave a message with a secretary)

* Churchill HS Webpage
* Remind 101 is a great tool to receive important information or dates for homework, quizzes, and test. Instructions to sign up are posted in my room.
* Quizlet is a very useful tool for learning vocabulary. User name: sherna75

