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| **Overview** I am very excited to be exploring the world of chemistry with you this semester! My job and joy is to help you be successful in this class, please come see me during office hours if you need to talk about course material or life concerns. **First Semester Units**  * Nature of Science and Safety * Measurement * Matter and Classification * Atomic Structure and Nuclear Change * Electron Configurations * Periodicity * Bonding * Oxidation Reduction Reactions  **General Expectations** At LSE the expectation is that all of our students are learners, leaders, and services members. These are expectations I *know* you are capable of.   * Follow all directions. * Bathroom visits and drinks of water should be taken care of *before* class begins. Passes will only be given after the first five minutes and before the last five minutes of class. * Electronic devices will not be used in the classroom unless Ms. Shomshor deems it helpful to the learning objective. This includes passing periods. * For your safety, only drinks are permitted in the room. * The teacher will dismiss the class, not the bell. |  | **Materials** Required materials (bring daily):   * Writing utensil * Chemistry notebook * Requested handouts * Periodic Table   Suggested materials:   * Scientific calculator * Highlighters  **LSE Grading Scale**  * A 90% - 100% * B+ 85% - 89% * B 80% - 84% * C+ 75% - 79% * C 70% - 74% * D+ 65% - 69% * F 60% - 64%   If you choose to have this course graded S/U you will need a form from your councilor as well as a signature from your parents/ guardians and instructor. |

# **Assignments**

* Each assignment turned in should be labeled with your first *and* last name for credit.
* Please come in during Ms. Shomshor’s office hours regarding missed assignments, make-up work, or questions.
* You have the opportunity to correct assignments to earn a better grade before the day of the unit exam if the assignment was completed on time.
* Late work must be completed in order to receive any grade and will receive 75% of the points earned.
* The last day to turn in any work for the semester is December 15th, 2015.

# **Laboratory Activities**

* Labs are a major part of a chemistry course and a way to apply the concepts we learn in class, plus they are fun!
* Participation in labs is a required component of this course, and necessary to pass.
* Safety is the number one concern while in lab, if you are endangering yourself or others you will be asked to leave the lab immediately with no warnings.

# **Quizzes and Exams**

* Quizzes are worth 10 points and given every Friday.
* Exams are worth 100 points and given at the end of the unit.
* The final exam will be worth 200 points; corrections and retakes are not an option for the final exam.
* If you would like to be considered for the opportunity to do corrections or retakes on an exam you must complete and turn in the request form one week after the test is graded and have all assignments turned in.

# **Extra Credit**

* Opportunities for extra credit will be offered throughout the semester to the entire class, not on an individual basis.
* The maximum amount of extra credit you can earn is 100 summative points.

# **Tardiness and Absences**

* When you are absent or tardy, it is your responsibility to get missed information and assignments from a classmate and/or the file cabinet in the classroom.
* Always be responsible and get information from a classmate before Ms. Shomshor.
* Be past the threshold of the doorway and headed to your seat before the bell starts ringing to be counted as present and on-time.
* If you are absent due to a school related activity you need to get any assignments from Ms. Shomshor before the absence.
* Make-up work must be completed within the time frame of the absence.
* Full credit will not be awarded for late assignments.

# **A Note on Success**

Every student can succeed in this classroom. As your teacher, I will do all that I can to facilitate your learning. At the same time, remember that you are responsible for you own education outcome. Be an active part of our classroom community by keeping up with your notebook, asking questions, speaking up when you have something to contribute, need help or clarification. Ultimately, the responsibility for learning is yours.   
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