

College Prep (CP) Chemistry of the Earth Course Syllabus Summary

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Course Description

Chemistry of the Earth is an NGSS aligned science course incorporating the core concepts of chemistry. The main focus of the class is matter, the changes in matter, and the role of energy plays in chemistry and science in general. This class also includes topics from Earth Science aligned with chemistry including environmental science.

Class Supplies and Materials

The following supplies and materials are required for this course

- Textbook
- Pen/Pencil
- Calculator Device

Grade Information

College Prep (CP) Chemistry is based on a standard categorized percent grading scale, with the grade percentages below:

Category	Weight (%)	Grade	Overall %
Assignments and Labs	40%	A	90.0% - 100%
Quizzes	10%	B	80.0% - 89.99%
Unit Tests and Final	50%	C	65.0% - 79.99%
		D	50.0% - 64.99%
		F	50.0% or Below

Retakes are offered for all in class tests. Students may receive up to half the points lost on original test. Retakes are only offered for **one week after school during detention times**.

Class Policies

Attendance to Class

Students are **absent** from class if any of the following apply

- Not present in class (*for any reason*)
- More than 30 minutes late (*no pass*)

The office will mark a student not in class *excused*, but they are still absent from class

Students are **tardy** (*late*) to class if any of the following occurs

- Not in the door when the bell rings
- Does not go to seat/wrong seat after bell rings for class to begin

Students are *very late* and subject to discipline if they are more than **six minutes** late to class without a pass. Being in the restroom does not excuse being *very late* to class.

Restroom and Pass Policy

All students use the SMART Pass system and use a green lanyard to use the restroom during class based on the following school policies

- No passes during **first** 15 minutes, and **last** 10 minutes of class (*school policy*)
- Six minutes maximum per trip to **D building restroom only**.
- Only one student out of class at a time. A second can go if the first student exceeds six minutes in the restroom or is at the nurse.
- Students should not exceed two restroom passes per week. Over two passes will result in being asked to wait until lesson is over.

Food and Eating Policy

Food and drink is allowed in class within the following limits

- Small food items only (*no full meals*). (*Period 1 and 4 may bring cafeteria meal*)
- Drinks must have lids. Recycle all bottles and cans in recycle sink area
- No food or drinks during lab activities

Technology Acceptable Use Policy

This course allows personal electronic devices to be used with the following limits

- During Lesson
 - o Sending a quick text message then putting phone down. No more than 2 to 3 text messages during the lesson time
 - o Using phone as a calculator
 - o No Headphones during lesson
- After Lesson
 - o Listening to music with headphones from streaming or phone audio
 - o Using Chromebook to complete assignments/access course materials

The following are prohibited uses at any times during class

- Watching any videos/movies/apps that requires constant use of the screen
 - o This policy includes applications like YouTube, Snapchat, Instagram, etc
- Playing games on any device, including phones, Chromebooks, or game consoles

Students may charge their phone or Chromebook during the lesson at any of the wall plugs.

Phones and tablets may not be charged attached to the Chromebook at the table

Violating technology use policy results in the following

- First Time: Warned about inappropriate use, and putting phone away
- Second Time: Placing phone on phone (*drum*) pad in front of class for rest of period
 - o Not putting phone on pad will result in progressive discipline
- Constant problems with device policy
 - o Progressive Discipline

General Classroom Behavior

The following is the general behavior guidelines for the course

- Remain in your assigned seat the entire period. Don't sit in other seats without asking
- Avoid any verbal communication during lesson. Keep volume low after lesson
- Follow the technology acceptable use policy
- Don't take actions that are disruptive to the class or other students in the area such as throwing objects, leaning back in chairs, hitting, pushing, or bullying other students

As a general courtesy to all students in the class, the following are not permitted in class

- Leaving large personal items on the desk, such as backpacks, jackets, bags, etc
- Wearing hoods or other garments that cover ears or head, including hoods and hats
- Wearing backpacks while in seating area of classroom

Progressive Discipline Policy

The following are the steps of the discipline process for this course

- Step One: Warning
- Step Two: Detention
- Step Three: Referral + Two Periods ALC
- Major Issues: Referral + Two Periods ALC

Failure to serve detention within one week will result in second detention and councilor referral.

Detentions offered in my classroom **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:30 – 4:00PM**

Academic Dishonesty

Academic Dishonesty (*cheating*) includes the following actions

- Directly copying another students assignments or labs through any means
- Obtaining a copy of any assessment early, or copying that assessment
- Using AI to complete any assignment in class

Students engaging in academic dishonesty will have the following consequences

- Assignments/Labs/Quizzes: A grade of 0 will be issued on work turned in
- Tests: Assessment Retake during test retake window or a 0 grade will be issued