



## Mrs. Ayler's Chemistry Course Disclosure

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Welcome to Chemistry! I am super excited to get to know you and have an awesome year here at Park High School! Below you will find some of my classroom expectations that will help us to have a fantastic year!

### ***Ranger PRIDE***

I believe learning can be fun, and as long as everyone in the class follows the norms and has PRIDE

**Perseverance** (Don't give up when things get tough!)

**Respect** (Treat people how you want to be treated)

**Integrity** (Do the right thing, even when no one is watching)

**Diversity** (We are all unique! Celebrate our differences)

**Excellence** (Always strive to reach your personal best! We can ALL improve!)

### ***Consequences for choosing not to have Ranger PRIDE:***

1. Verbal Warning
2. 10-minute check in before or after school and a phone call or email home
3. Detention or Further Consequences, based on severity and PHS policy.

\*\*I retain the right to change the procedure for consequences for behaviors that require such.

***Materials:*** There are certain materials I expect you to have in class EVERY DAY!

1. A learning attitude and an open mind.
2. Science Notebook (I will provide you with a spiral notebook – If you lose this, it is your responsibility to recreate it exactly how the rest of the class' is).
3. Pencil or Pen (Blue or Black Ink)
4. Completed homework and assignments
5. Scientific or Graphing Calculator
6. Your Textbook (must be properly covered at all times)

***Bathroom:*** Please try to use the restroom during your passing periods. Our class periods are very short, and so much can be missed when you leave the room. If it is an emergency, however, you must first ask Mrs. Ayler to exit the classroom and use one of your bathroom passes. Each student will be given 3 bathroom passes at the beginning of each quarter. You will only be allowed to leave the room if you have one of your passes. If you have any passes at the end of the quarter, they are each worth 3 points of extra credit to be entered in the "Quiz" category of the gradebook.

***Tardies:*** Students have 5 minutes of passing period to get to their next class. A student is considered tardy if they arrive after the door has closed. If you arrive late, please go to the attendance office to check in, and they will escort you to class. Please inform yourselves of the PHS attendance/tardy policy, so there is no confusion.

***Absences and Make-Up Work:*** If you are absent from Chemistry it is YOUR responsibility to make up any of the missed work! You will have 2 days for every **excused** absence to make up the work, your grade, however will be marked as "Missing" until it is made up by the due date. Make up work can be found in the "Missed Work" Notebook in the front of the room, or on my website. If you are unable to complete the work within the allotted time, please come to me BEFORE the work is due to discuss

alternative due dates. I'm always open for respectful discussion. \*Note: I keep very detailed records in Infinite Campus. I will make notes of due dates in Infinite Campus. Please read all flags on assignments, as it is YOUR responsibility to be aware of deadlines.

***Demonstrating Character/Ranger Rewards*** I believe in good character! Character can show through in many different forms, from being a good student to being an overall good classroom citizen. Therefore, to show my appreciation for good character, I will award "Ranger Rewards" whenever I see someone demonstrating good character. You will save these Ranger Rewards until the end of each Quarter (You are solely responsible for them), and then you can turn them in for extra credit. Each Ranger Reward will be worth 1 point of extra credit and will be placed in the "Quiz" category of the gradebook. Note: This will be the ONLY type of extra credit that I will offer.

***Turning in Work:*** Homework is something that you should be doing to be a better student, not just for a grade. Homework is worth zero credit in my class. That does NOT, however, mean that it is worthless. I will always check homework for completion and award you a Ranger Reward for having the character trait of responsibility, and for attempting to be a responsible student. We will then go over homework together in class so that you may use that as an opportunity to learn from mistakes, ask questions, and check your answers. I PROMISE you, if you choose not to do your homework, most students will suffer greatly because of that choice!

***Assessments, Projects, and Labs:*** This is a college prep class. Therefore, in order to prepare you for college, your grade will be earned only through assessments, projects and labs. It is extremely important that you are studying for these and doing everything necessary in order to prepare for them (i.e. homework, coming in for help to peer tutoring, doing additional research at home).

I believe that assessment is the best way of checking to see if students fully understand concepts. I will administer Pre and Post assessments for every unit. If a student passes a pre-assessment, meeting my expectations, I will give them an option to complete an alternative, independent assignment rather than participating in the week's activities, labs, and quiz. If a student chooses this alternative, they will be self-directed, and expected to give an oral and visual presentation to their classmates as their quiz grade. Students can opt out of this, if they would prefer to stay in class.

Attendance is so important in order to be successful on assessments, as they will assess the learning for each topic. Please make sure you are staying up to date and preparing for each post-assessment. If you are absent for a post-assessment, you will be expected to take it IMMEDIATELY upon your return in the next class period. There will be NO corrections for assessments, so make sure to study! \*Note: there will be questions from the textbook reading on EVERY quiz and exam. It is vital to do your chapter readings when assigned.

***Food and Drink:*** Food and Drink will be allowed, as long as it does not become a problem or a distraction. Food and Drink must, however, remain only in the lecture space of the classroom, not the lab stations. Students are responsible for cleaning up any messes created.

***Technology:*** Any technology needed for my class will either be provided by myself or requested on the materials list (i.e. a calculator). Cell phones are NOT permitted in class. They are to be left in your locker at ALL times. If you choose to bring your cell phone to my class, you will be asked to deposit it in a bin on my desk until the end of the period. If you are caught with a cell phone during class for any reason, it will be confiscated and turned into the administration. I do NOT take any responsibility for lost, stolen, or damaged technology. Please leave it in your locker.

**Grading:** Assignments and Assessments will be placed into one of three weighted categories:

- Exams, Projects and Lab Reports: 50%
- Quizzes: 50%

All assignments and assessments will be entered as percentages (points out of 100) to make the grade calculation more accurate.

**Safety Contract and Exam:** Chemistry is a lot of fun with lots of fun labs and experiments, but in order to keep things fun and safe everyone must sign a contract recognizing the safety guidelines, and then be able to pass a safety exam with at least a 70% before they are able to participate in lab activities. If the safety contract is not signed by student and parent, and/or the safety exam is not completed, that student will not be allowed to participate in the activity and will automatically take a zero for it.

**Open Communication:** I believe that open communication between parents, students and teachers is the best way to help students be successful. I will be sending out a weekly newsletter to inform parents and students about upcoming assignments and assessments. I also have a website which is constantly updated with digital work, the plan for the week, and reminders: <https://sites.google.com/site/mrsaylerscience/>.

**Student Handbook:** I will uphold all the rules and regulations of the PHS student handbook and will deliver consequences as established by PHS when appropriate.

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I, (print Student name) \_\_\_\_\_ have read Mrs. Ayler's Course Disclosure and have shared them with my parents. I agree to follow the expectations of the classroom in order to maintain a positive learning environment.

Student Signature:

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Parent/Guardian Signature:

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