

# Integrated Physics & Chemistry

## Policies & Procedures

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Welcome! Physics and chemistry are exciting subjects that help us better understand what's happening "behind the scenes" in the world around us. This course will challenge you. You need to be organized, work hard, and use your brain. Always remember, SCIENCE IS FUN!

### Web Site – Mrs. J's Chemistry Page

Visit [www.nisd.net/communicationsarts/pages/ipc](http://www.nisd.net/communicationsarts/pages/ipc) to do a multitude of things! Find out what you missed during an absence. Download notes and worksheets. Access online periodic tables and other helpful sites. Send me an e-mail. I designed this site as a service for you. Use it to your advantage! I would also like to post your work and photographs of classroom activities with parent permission (see back).

### Necessary Supplies:

- ☑ Physical science book – issued by the school, must be covered, may be kept at home
- ☑ 3-ring binder (1½ - 2") – including filler paper for notes, tab dividers are recommended
- ☑ lab notebook – a 100-sheet composition notebook (no spirals), available from Mrs. J. for \$1
- ☑ calculator – a scientific calculator with log (LOG) and exponent (EXP or EE) buttons is recommended
- ☑ pen and/or pencil – no iridescent gel pens, use black ink for labs

### Classroom Guidelines:

Adherence to the following guidelines will insure a safe and enjoyable year for everyone:

- ✧ Be courteous and respectful to your teacher and classmates.
- ✧ Come to class on-time and prepared to work.
- ✧ Follow ALL safety rules and procedures.
- ✧ Uphold high standards of effort and achievement.

### Grading:

Your semester average is 20% semester exam and 80% nine-weeks grade. Your nine-weeks grade is:

Tests/Projects	35%	
Labs	35%	* Each nine-weeks, the TWO lowest Homework grades will be dropped.
Quizzes	20%	
Homework*	10%	
Final Grade	100%	

Graded papers will be placed in separate trays for each class period. It is your responsibility to retrieve your papers and hold on to them for future reference. If you can't find yours, check in the No-Name Tray. If you do not claim your nameless paper, you will receive a zero!

### Progress Reports:

I will issue progress reports to ALL students on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> weeks of each nine-weeks. These progress reports must be signed by your parents and returned the following class period. I will also provide weekly grade updates to keep you informed of your progress. Please take advantage of these updates by getting help before it's too late!

### Late Work:

You should be prepared to turn in all assignments at the BEGINNING of class.

- **For Homework:** If you have your homework at school, you may get it at the beginning of class for a 10-point penalty. Otherwise, you will receive a zero for the assignment.
- **For Labs and Projects:** Assignments will be penalized 10 points for each school day they are late. Labs will not be accepted after 5 school days (1 week).
- **Absences:** If you come to school but miss class for any reason, you are expected to turn in all assignments to me or to my box in the CAHS office. If you are absent the day an assignment is due, you are expected to turn it in the next school day.
- **On-Time Rewards:** On a more positive note, you can add TWO points to your nine-weeks grade by turning in ALL of your assignments on time!

## Make-Up Work:

If you are absent from class, you should...

- check the Make-Up Work Folder, copy the agenda, and obtain the necessary handouts from the file. You are also responsible for getting notes from a classmate. This information (including lecture notes and most handouts) may also be found on the Web Site under *Daily Agendas*.
- schedule time to make-up quizzes, tests, and labs A.S.A.P. – within one or two days, if possible. Some labs do not require make-up, but you will need to obtain sample lab data from the Web Site.
- schedule tutoring time, if necessary.
- complete all make-up work as quickly as possible. Generally, you will be allowed one day for each day you were absent.

**TIP #1:** Avoid being absent whenever possible. Ask my former students. They will agree!

**TIP #2:** Check the Make-Up Work Folder and/or Web Site A.S.A.P. – that same day, if possible!

## Tardy Policy:

I expect you to be in your seat when the tardy bell rings. Passing periods are seven minutes and should be sufficient to take care of bathroom trips. When in doubt, report to class first so you don't get stuck in the hall without a pass. I will be following Taft's tardy policy.

## Homework:

Daily homework is due at the beginning of class and is graded based on completion. When the tardy bell rings, you should put your homework on your desk and review the answers posted on the overhead. Be prepared to display your work in front of the class. I cannot overemphasize the importance of putting effort into your homework. Physics and chemistry involve many skills that must be practiced. Lack of effort on homework WILL have a negative effect on your grade in this class!

## Quiz Corrections:

Quiz grades below 80 are eligible for correction. Quiz corrections are due two days after the quiz is returned. Corrections should be made in a different color on the front and/or back of the quiz. Math problems should be reworked. For all other questions, briefly explain why your original answer was wrong. You may regain up to half of the points lost with a maximum score of 80.

## Test Corrections:

Test grades below 70 are eligible for correction. Test corrections are due one week after the test is returned and must be completed in my classroom. The guidelines for test corrections are the same as for quizzes with a maximum score of 70. Also, you may want/need to write your corrections on a separate piece of paper, which should then be attached to the original test.

## Silver Test Tube:

Each nine-weeks, the student with the highest average in his or her class will be awarded the Silver Test Tube. A student may only win once. There will also be rewards for those of you who meet your personal goals as specified on your Action Plans. Set high standards and strive to attain them!

## Tutoring:

I want each one of you to have a successful year! Toward that end, I am available for tutoring after school everyday except Wednesday. If these times will not work for you, we can make other arrangements. *Please*, do not hesitate to ask for assistance!

## Final Advice:

This course is challenging, but you can succeed in this class if you follow these key steps:

- 🔑 Keep up with your assignments. Falling behind is the kiss of death!
- 🔑 Ask for help when you need it. Whether that means asking a question during class or coming in for tutoring, I am here to help you in any way I can!
- 🔑 Work hard and use your brain! I work very hard for you, and I expect nothing less in return.

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YES    NO   I have read and understand the Policies & Procedures of Mrs. Johannesson's IPC class.

YES    NO   My child's work and/or photograph (in a group setting) may be published on the Internet in association with Communications Arts High School. My child's name (first name only) may be used in association with published work or photographs.

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Student Name (please print)

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Student Signature

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Date

**PLEASE READ POLICIES  
BEFORE SIGNING**

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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