

Course: Honors Chemistry
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Course Description:

Chemistry is the study of matter and its changes. The goal of this course is to develop an understanding of matter, its composition and structure and the nature of its behavior. Inquiries including research, current events, notes, projects, group work, presentations, hands-on activities and labs will be incorporated into class to help you understand the world around you and the importance of chemistry in everyday life. You will be instructed in fundamental laboratory techniques and provided laboratory experiences that will give you the opportunity to explore, discover and apply your knowledge. Honors Chemistry is a challenging course but with the right approach and attitude, each of you will succeed. I am looking forward to a fun and rewarding year!

Textbook- Buthelezi, Thandi, Dingrando, Laurel, Hainen, Nicholas, and Wistrom, Cheryl.
McGraw-Hill Education, 2016.

Materials Required Daily:

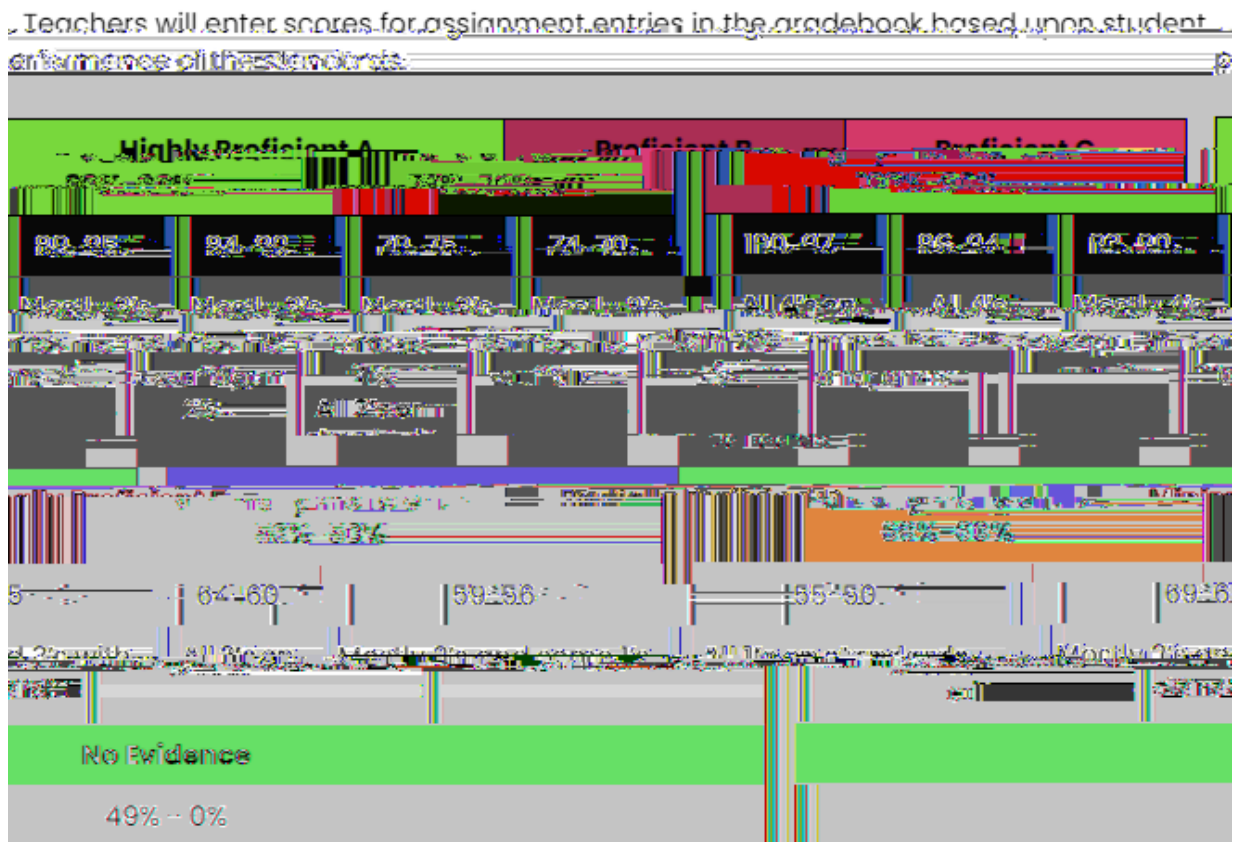
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Course Standards:

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The PowerSchools site allows parents/guardians and students to access the student's grades, attendance, and other information. If you need your access information, please stop by the front desk during business hours. You will need a photo I.D. The web address is: <http://ps.dvUSD.org/public> If you do not pass at the end of 1st semester you will need to make up the credit online, over the summer or in future semesters.

Canvas Access:

During this course students will need to access, upload and download content from our class website which can be accessed at dvUSD.org/canvas In the event a student does not have personal access to the internet, the Maricopa County Library offers free after school access. Please be sure to plan ahead as necessary. You will need to have a library card.

Adherence to the Boulder Creek Academic Integrity Code:

All students enrolled in Honors Chemistry will adhere to the framework and guidelines set forth in the Boulder Creek High School Academic Integrity Code. Cheating and Plagiarism will not be tolerated. **The purpose of this code is to promote a positive learning environment for all involved.** As humans, we will make mistakes as we grow. It is understood that we can learn from those mistakes and become better individuals in the future. Any student who violates this code will be referred to the Students Rights and Responsibilities handbook and assignment of appropriate consequences.

9-12 DVUSD AI STATEMENT

DVUSD has determined that the use of Large Language Models (LLMs), such as ChatGPT, is prohibited unless clearly specified by your teacher. Specific guidelines will be provided in the assignment details. If you are unsure if the tool or website you are using is an LLM or if it is permitted on a specific assignment, please contact your teacher before submitting your work.

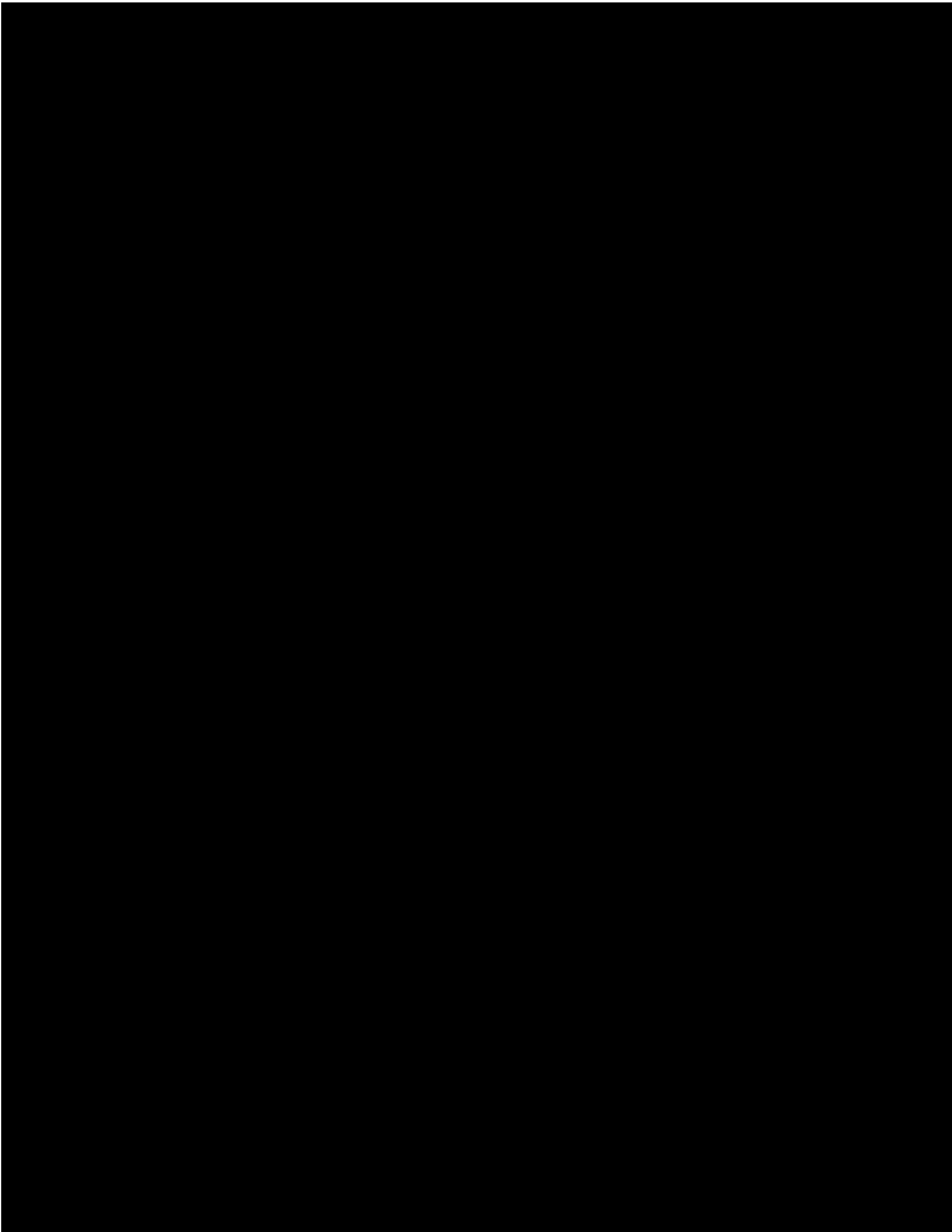
Make-up Work Policy: Upon return to class after an absence, a student has one school day for each day missed to make up work/test assigned during his/her absence regardless of the number of days absent. For example, if a student is absent on Thursday and Friday, he/she will have Monday and Tuesday of the following week to make up

work and must turn in the work that was assigned during the days absent on Wednesday. It is the student's responsibility to check with Canvas and teacher as soon as possible for work missed and possible adjustment of due dates. All work is due by the end of the unit, prior to the unit exam. Work not turned in on the due date will be marked with a 0%. Once work has been turned in due to absence or lateness, the assignment will be scored as normal and the 0% will be removed. *

Retakes: Retakes must be scheduled with your teacher. You will have one opportunity to reassess on each quest and test throughout the year. Quest retakes must be completed prior to the day of the unit assessment. A second attempt on a unit test is allowed with the following guidelines: test retake is completed within two weeks of original assessment and proof of engagement in class must be shown (completed study guide, completed notes of unit, reassessment of quests, etc).

Attendance:

It is our goal to help your student learn habits to prepare him/her for a lifetime of success. Prompt attendance at school is an important lesson for us to teach all students. In high school, all absences count, whether they are excused or unexcused. Studen



Name: _____

Honors Class Period: _____

Syllabus Agreement

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please feel free to contact me at any time, melissa.riordan@dvusd.org. I am easily accessible via email and encourage any questions and/or concerns about your student. While Honors Chemistry may be a challenging course for students, there will be many opportunities to get additional help as needed. This course has been designed to improve each student's ability to analyze and solve problems. Many topics and experiences will be new to them, so it is perfectly normal for even our brightest students to struggle from time to time. Please help encourage your student to embrace this learning process.

The syllabus, assignments, due dates and more are available on Canvas. My goal is to keep grades current and enter scores in a timely fashion so that you can effectively track performance and provide reward or encouragement as needed. Hopefully this will give you the ability to know what is expected of your student and how well he or she is meeting those expectations.

I appreciate the time you have spent reading this syllabus and hope that you find it complete and informative. I ask that both you and your child sign this letter acknowledging this for my records. Again, if you have any questions now or at any time, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Melissa Riordan

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