

# WELCOME TO GENERAL CHEMISTRY !

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Sign up for Remind by texting your class code to 81010	
Period 2	@gilsdorf2
Period 6	@gilsdorf6

Sign up for TurnItIn.com:		
	Class Code	Enrollment Key
Period 2	21791076	@gilsdorf2
Period 6	21791088	@gilsdorf6

## Course Website: [trhsgilsdorf.weebly.com](http://trhsgilsdorf.weebly.com)

*Most course assignments, as well as a **daily log** of what happened in class each day, will be posted on the website. If you are absent, please check the website **BEFORE** returning to class so you are prepared!*

### For students:

- ✓ **BE SAFE**
  - As a laboratory course, safety must **always** come first!
- ✓ **BE HONEST**
  - **Trust** is key in our class. The more trust we have, the better our class can be!
- ✓ **BE POLITE**
  - Respect yourself, your classmates, your teacher, and our class supplies!!!
- ✓ **BE PRODUCTIVE**
  - Bring **ALL** necessary class supplies each day
  - Be prepared for class, even if you were absent! (Check the website DAILY!)

### For parents:

I expect you to be my partner as we support your student **together**. Communication is key to working together, and I hope that you will reach out to me if you have any concerns about my class. Ultimately, however, I expect that you will **empower your student** to collaborate with me to seek help or resolve issues **on their own!**

## Gilsdorf's Top 10 Expectations, Rules, and General Bits of Information!

1. I maintain **HIGH** expectations for **ALL** of my students in terms of academic and behavioral standards. Forget your preconceived notions of whether or not you're "good" at science. **You will be this semester!** Additionally, **NO** student has the right to disrupt, bully, distract, or make any other students feel uncomfortable in the classroom.
2. **Lab Policy:** Labs are a great way to visualize learning. However, safety **MUST** come first! Students must wear closed-toe shoes, place cell phones in phone cabinet (unless using for timer, etc.) and conduct themselves in a mature and professional way. Any violation of these three will result in excusal from the lab.

- Absent Policy:** If you are absent, you **MUST** check the course website **BEFORE** coming back to class so you know what you missed. Any papers you missed will be available when you return in the folder for your class period by the door of our classroom. If you are absent when an assignment is **due**, you must turn it in **the day you return**. All missed labs and exams/quizzes **MUST** be made up within the days allotted in the make up policy or they will not be able to receive any credit and may only be made up if the absence is excused.
- Late Policy:** An assignment is on-time the **MOMENT** I collect it. After that, it is worth  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit up to the end of the day of the unit exam. **After that, no credit will be earned.** Exception: You have 2 late passes for the semester to submit the **MOMENT** it is due to earn an extra day to complete it. Use them **WISELY!**
- Test Correction Policy:** Everyone makes mistakes! If you do worse on an exam than you expected, you may use one of your 2 test corrections passes to make corrections. You have 1 WEEK from the test date to make this decision. All corrections **MUST** be done in **F-202 AFTER SCHOOL**. Half credit will be earned back for each point missed. If you earned an F, you can correct to no more than 60%. If you earned >60% you may earn back no more than 10% of the grade. (i.e. 78% → 88%). **NO RE-TAKES WILL BE GIVEN!**
- Academic Honesty Policy:** If you make the choice to cheat or plagiarize, all students involved will receive a zero with no opportunity to make up the points. **DON'T MAKE THIS MISTAKE!!!!**
- Phone Policy:** As 21st century learners, there is a time and place for cell phones in the classroom. This will be **CLEARLY COMMUNICATED** by the teacher. If devices are being used when not authorized by the teacher, they will be placed in the phone bank for the duration of the class period.
- I want to encourage you to produce the **BEST** quality work that you are capable of and only produce things that you are proud of. If you're not proud of an assignment, you didn't do it right!
- Above all, plan on having an incredible time in Chemistry this semester! We will be moving fast and learning **TONS** of concepts so be open minded and willing to participate in class everyday!

## GRADING POLICY

A: 90-100%

B: 80-89%

C: 70-79%

D: 60-69%

F: 59% and below

25% - **Formative Assessments** (Bellwork, Classwork/Homework, Quizzes)

60% - **Summative Assessments** (Exams, Labs, Lab Reports, Projects)

15% - **Final Exam** (Cumulative)

Extra credit will **RARELY** be offered. **Do not depend on it!** If you are struggling with course content, **PLEASE** come and get help during my office hours or Access period!!!

**Take responsibility for your learning!**

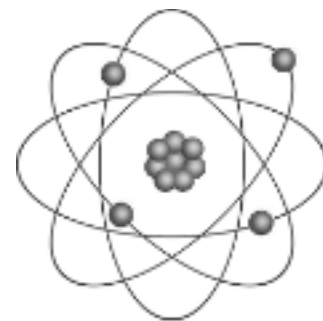
***Classroom rules and expectations are put in place not to force you to conform to a set of rules, but to ensure that all students receive a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment. Above all, I am SO excited to get to know you and build a great professional relationship through the world of Chemistry!***

# Your support is sincerely appreciated!

Please obtain your supplies for our class as quickly as possible so we can hit the ground running!

## CLASSROOM DONATIONS (Please bring as many as possible! ☺)

- Box of tissues
- Pack of EXPO markers (We go through them like crazy!)
- Color paper (8½" x 11" - any color) (for class activities and labs)
- Bottle of Windex for cleaning counters/desks after labs, etc.
- General classroom supplies (staples, glue sticks, etc.) are **ALWAYS** welcome! ☺



## REQUIRED PERSONAL SUPPLIES

- A notebook to take class notes in - I would recommend a composition book
- 3-ring Binder or other organizational device to keep any papers that I give you organized!
- Scientific/Graphing Calculator - **BUY ONE NOW WHILE THEY'RE ON SALE!** - We will use them almost daily!

## RECOMMENDED PERSONAL SUPPLIES

- Pack of colored pencils (We have some for the class but it's nice to have your own!)
- Nice erasers
- Highlighters (ideally, 2-3 different colors)
- Notecards for studying!
- Your favorite pens **AND** pencils!

## ThunderRidge Academic Honesty Policy:

### What IS Academic Dishonesty?

- Pretending that somebody else's work is yours
- Lying in order to extend a deadline or gain some other special advantage
- Copying answers from a key or other student or allowing them to copy from you
- Using prohibited materials (such as notes, books, or electronic resources) or talking during an assessment.
- Turning in assignments that you have not written yourself.
- Quoting material without marking it as quoted and without attributing it to its source (or closely paraphrasing material without attributing it to its source).
- Modifying graded material and then resubmitting it to "correct the error in grading".
- Sharing pictures of assignments/assessments with other students.
- Telling other students what is on assessments.
- When "working together" you should complete your work in your **own** words with your **own** thoughts. These should never be the same as someone else's. (This excludes quantitative data)
- Using answer keys not provided by the teacher to correct work (i.e. researching answers online).

### What is NOT Academic Dishonesty?

- To study with other students outside of class - Study groups are GOOD for students!
- To share notes with other students in preparation for an assessment - If it is ungraded content, help each other out!
- To provide proofreading or other minor editorial assistance to other students or to receive it from them
  - When proofreading/editing, you should NOT give the correct answers but help LEAD them to the right answer!
- Having the same lab data when working in a group.

### Consequences for Academic Dishonesty

- All students involved will receive a 0 with no opportunity to make corrections/retake/redo tests/assignments
- Administration will be notified and further consequences may be included

# Science Lab Safety Guidelines

1. Horseplay is prohibited at all times in the science classroom.
2. Do not perform unauthorized experiments.
3. Never work alone in the lab. Make sure the teacher is present during all labs.
4. Know the location and proper use of safety equipment, such as eye wash station, safety shower, fire extinguisher, fire blanket, and broken glass containers.
5. Safety goggles or glasses must be worn when working with any chemicals or glassware.
6. Report all accidents, injuries or incorrect procedures to your instructor immediately, regardless of how trivial they may seem.
7. Never taste or directly smell chemicals. Use the “wafting” method for smelling substances.
8. Never eat or drink during a lab. No food or drink is allowed in lab areas.
9. Keep flammable materials away from heat sources.
10. Never pour anything from the lab down the drain unless specified by the instructor. There will usually be a waste container by the sinks for the majority of the waste!
11. Be prepared for the experiment before entering the laboratory. Read procedures carefully including doing any pre-lab questions!
12. Proper clothing must be worn in the lab:
  - a. Secure long hair with a hair tie.
  - b. Closed toe shoes must be worn at all times.
  - c. Any loose clothing or jewelry must be secured, pushed back, or removed.
13. Dispose of lab materials in the designated place by the instructor.
14. Keep the work area clean and tidy at all times. Do not take bags or anything other than lab sheet to lab area. No phones allowed in the laboratory except for use as a timer when needed.
15. Wash your hands with soap and water after performing all experiments. Spray cleaner on the table and wipe the lab surface. Return all equipment clean and in working order to the proper storage area.