

## Mrs. Ayler's Chemistry Course Disclosure

[Becky.Ayler@livingston.k12.mt.us](mailto:Becky.Ayler@livingston.k12.mt.us)



### **Ranger PRIDE**

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

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

**R**espect (Treat people how you want to be treated)

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

**D**iversity (We are all unique! Celebrate our differences)

**E**xcellence (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. A binder with paper (I suggest a LARGE one!)
3. Pencil or Pen (Blue or Black Ink)
4. Completed homework and assignments
5. Scientific or Graphing Calculator (this is a MUST for Q2 and on! Your phone will not be permitted!)
6. Your Textbook (must always be properly covered)

**Bathroom:** You will receive 3 bathroom passes per quarter. If you use all of them, then you will not be permitted to leave the room. If you have any left over at the end of the quarter, they will be worth 3 Ranger Rewards each.

**Tardies:** A student is considered tardy if they arrive after the door has closed. If you arrive late, you must go to the attendance office and be escorted to class. Even if your tardy is excused, if you are late, I will NOT open the door for you. You must go to the office.

**Absences and Make-Up Work:** Make up work from an absence is YOUR responsibility. I will not chase you. Please check the make-up work folder to get your missed items and check with me. You will get 2 days for every EXCUSED absence to turn things back in. I will update Infinite Campus frequently with expected due dates in the comments. Always read flags. Any work missed during an excused absence will be marked as "Missing" until it is turned in, at which point will be graded for full credit. Unexcused absences will result in a zero for any work from that day.

**Demonstrating Character/Ranger Rewards** I will reward "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, 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, if 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.

**Cell Phones:** Cell phones will NOT be permitted in my classroom. Please leave them in your locker. If I see any EVIDENCE of a cell phone it will be confiscated and turned into the office.

**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://ayler13.wixsite.com/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.

-----

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:

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

