WHO AM I

Chemistry 2004

Education 2015

Teaching since 2004

Published research

Science

Video Games

Nintendo

Soccer

Proud girl scout dad

AFA

Robinson Crusoe

Classic Literature

SCOUT DAD

Huckleberry Finn

Robert Louis Stevenson

Mark Twain
WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT?

Concepts
Atomic structure – Bonding - Nuclear Theory

Skills
Writing-Listening
Speaking-Reading
Digital Competency and many more
HOW WILL YOU DEVELOP SKILLS?

Grading Categories

- Assessments 50%
- Laboratory Investigations 15%
- Reading 15%
- Participation (Bell-work) 10%
- Semester Final 10%

Assessments 50%
PARTICIPATION

What is it?
• Comprises of timely completion of bell-work questions and/or ticket out the door questions.

How Students Get Graded?
• Students get 10 minutes from the start of the bell to answer questions provided in class. Collaboratively or individually (their choice).
• After 10 minutes I walk past students and stamp their paper if questions are answered (right or wrong).
• Students will later turn in paper with proof of bell-work stamps.
READING

What is it?
• Practice developing reading comprehension skills

How Students Get Graded?
• Turn in in-class reading selection with proof of completion (stamp).
• Submit FlipGrid response with supporting images.
LABORATORY INVESTIGATION

What is it?
- In class experience combined with individual reflection.

How Students Get Graded?
- Turn in lab worksheet with proof of completion (stamp).
- Submit FlipGrid response with supporting images.
ASSESSMENTS

What is it?
• Combination of short free response quizzes and larger “end-of-unit” projects.

How Students Get Graded?
• Quizzes are done individually in class. Provided supporting material (study guides) and study time in class.
• Unit projects are collaborative. Project reflecting on big idea of a unit.
# FINAL EXAM

**What is it?**
- District assessment created by teachers from all high schools in WUHSD.

**How Students Get Graded?**
- Week of final exam. Performance on the multiple choice test.

## WUHSD Chemistry Semester 1 Final 2019-20

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GRADE DISTRIBUTION

A: 90%+
B: 89-80%
C: 79-68%
D: 67-57%

There is no rounding or “bumping” of grades. Ultimate grade lies on the computer calculation.
LATE & RETAKE POLICY

What is the LATE policy?
• 50% credit if submitted within one week from deadline.
• Student with excused absence has one week from deadline for make-up opportunity
  ➢ see Mr. O’Brien for further information

What is the RETAKE policy?
• Retakes are available only for quizzes during “Embedded Support”
• Students complete outline (annotations) of textbook sections aligned to quiz.
• Students present outline to O’Brien and have a conversation about important concepts in the quiz.
  ➢ Depending how the conversation goes with student depends if they are provided a retake.
What is the consequence for tardies?

- Students with 4 or more tardies are assigned Saturday School.
EXTRA CREDIT

What is it?
• Occasional extra assignments provided to ALL students.

How Students Get Graded?
• Completion of assignment before deadline.

For Fun & Extra Credit
Walter O'Brien • May 13

You spend weeks studying for an important test. On the big day, you wait nervously as your teacher hands it out. You’re working your way through, when you’re asked to define ‘ataraxia.’ You know you’ve seen the word before, but your mind goes blank. What just happened? Elizabeth Cox details the complex relationship between stress and memory.

(1) Watch the following video.
(2) Go to the FlipGrid and respond

Reflection for up to two points extra credit on your your reading this week.

Does stress affect your me...
YouTube video  4 minutes

Class comments
SFHS MASK POLICY

- Mask are required to be worn at all times inside.
- Students missing mask are provided one at the front gate.
- Violation of mask policy subject to the following:
  1. Warning
  2. Parent/Guardian notified.
  3. Student assigned Saturday School and live parent contact made.
  4. Student assigned In-House Suspension. Live parent contact made.
- Any questions please call the office.

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