



Course Contract for Regents Chemistry (scs21)

Sections: 11, 24, 27, 33, and 46

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2019-2020 School Year

Welcome to Regents Chemistry at Brooklyn Technical High School!!! This course is a broad introduction to many fundamental concepts of chemistry, including: Scientific Measurement & Analysis, Atomic Structure & Theory, Matter & Energy, The Periodic Table, Chemical Bonding, Chemical Quantities & Reactions, Solutions, Thermodynamics & Kinetics, Acids & Bases, Organic Chemistry, Redox & Electrochemistry, and Nuclear Chemistry.

Class Resources:

- Class Website- martinchem.weebly.com
- Castle Learning- Sign in Instructions (*may not be available the first few weeks of the semester):
Go to the website www.castlelearning.com
Click on the Sign In button and enter login ID (osis #)
Leave the password field blank and click Sign In
- Textbook- TBD

Required Supplies:

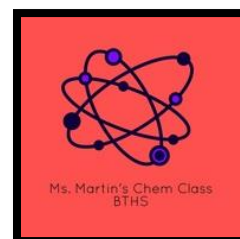
- Black or blue pens and #2 pencils
- 3 ring binder (for class worksheets) with loose-leaf paper for handwritten notes.
- Folder- for tests and quizzes that are handed back.
- Scientific Calculator (no graphing calculators are permitted in this class)
- NYS Chemistry Reference Tables

Grade Components:

- **Assessments: Quizzes and Tests (70%) -**

Tests- Each Unit Test will have a weight of 1 (full weight) in the assessments category. If you are absent the day of a unit test- you must email Ms. Martin **the day of the exam** to say that you will not be present. Additionally, you must schedule your make-up exam immediately upon your return to class. There will be a cumulative quarterly exam at the end of each quarter. Each quarterly exam will count as one test grade. If you score higher on the quarterly exam than one of your unit tests (per quarter), I will also replace your lowest unit test grade with the quarterly exam score.

Quizzes- Each Quiz will have a weight of 1/5 in the assessments category. Students should expect a quiz each week that a unit exam is not taking place. The lowest quiz each quarter will be replaced with the highest quiz grade from that quarter.





- **Regents Exam** -All students are expected to take the NYS Chemistry Regents exam on June 25th. You must have a total of **30 lab credit hours** completed in order to sit for the exam.
- **Projects (12%)** You will be expected to complete a number of projects (In-Class and At-Home) throughout the course.

Late Projects: Students will receive only partial credit as outlined below for projects that are submitted past the due date. Projects will only be accepted **up to 5 days late**. If turned in later than 5 class days late (not including weekends or holidays), you will receive a zero:

One Day Late: 10% reduction

Two Days Late: 20% reduction

Three Days Late: 30% reduction

Four Days Late: 40% reduction

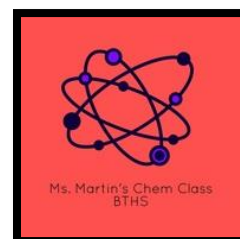
Five Days Late: 50 % Reduction

More Than Five Days: Zero on Project

- **Homework (12%)** You are responsible for completing the HW on time and keeping track of the due dates!!! Homework will mostly be assigned online through Castle Learning, with other various assignments occasionally included as part of a unit. See above for Castle Learning registration instructions. $\frac{1}{2}$ points will be awarded for questions guessed correctly on the 2nd attempt. You will be given the due date of online assignments way in advance, so if you do not have computer/internet access at home- make sure you get to the school/public library to complete the assignment before it is due.

Castle Learning Quarterly Exam Review- There will be a cumulative Castle Learning Quarterly Exam Review Assignment due by 8:00am on the day of every quarterly exam. Each review assignment will have a weight of 3. Just like on the HW assignments, $\frac{1}{2}$ points will be awarded for questions guessed correctly on the 2nd attempt.

- **Class Participation (6%)**- Class participation grades will be recorded for every unit. These grades will be calculated based on: your overall contribution to the class (discussion, working in groups, doing the do-now assignment, etc) and ability to follow classroom rules and expectations (see below), Lastly, you **MUST** have your personal copy of the NYS chemistry reference tables with you each day. Class participation points will be deducted for not having them with you. You can find/ print the Reference Tables from the references page of the class website.





Classroom Rules & Expectations

- No eating or drinking in the classroom. (With the exception of water)
- Personal electronic devices/ Cell Phones may be used for educational purposes ONLY. (If you cannot stay off of your phone during times when you are not using it for educational purposes, I will collect it.) YOU MAY NOT CHARGE YOUR PHONE IN THE CLASSROOM.

Starting Class

You start the class- not the teacher! And you should get started as soon as the bell rings. There will almost always be a do-now assignment for you to begin working on.

What to Do with Your Belongings

Please keep all of your belongings underneath your desk at all times. If you have to get something out of your bag during the lesson, quietly take whatever it is that you need, and then neatly put your bag back underneath your desk.

If You Are Absent

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to obtain, and complete any missed classwork/ homework by checking the class website. In the event you are absent during a test, you must schedule a make-up with the teacher. Failure to do so upon your return date will result in a zero on the test. If the absence is not excused- you will receive a zero on the test.

If You Are Late

If you are entering the class after it has started, put your late pass on the teacher's desk and get right to work. If you do not have a late pass- points will be deducted from your class participation grade.

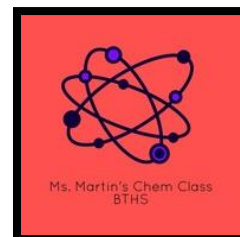
Classroom Discussions

All students are asked to participate in classroom discussions. (Including discussions that may take place online) Your teacher wants to hear what you have to say! However, please make all questions and comments relevant to the current discussion. Students should raise their hand to volunteer an answer or ask a question. Please refrain from shouting out ideas without being called on, and **be respectful** of your fellow classmates at all times. I take this last point very seriously.

Using the Bathroom

Only ONE person is allowed out of the classroom at a time to use the bathroom. If you are not sure, you may ask the teacher if anyone is currently out. To use the bathroom- sign the bathroom sign-out sheet and trade your phone for the bathroom pass. If bathroom use becomes excessive or the time you are out using the bathroom is excessive, I will be discussing this issue with you, your parent/ guardian, and/ or your guidance counselor.

If you have any medical reasons for needing to frequently use the bathroom, you must speak to me after class or email me within the FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL. We will set up any accommodations or exceptions to the bathroom policy above, to better suit your needs.





If the Fire Alarm Goes Off

If the fire alarm goes off, stop what you are doing immediately and quietly line up at the door. This is not the time to talk! The teacher will direct you to the nearest emergency exit. Your phone must remain away the entire time! Classroom drills were not created so that you have time to check your snapchat. Keep the phones away or else class participation points will be deducted.

End of Class Dismissal

The teacher dismisses the class, not the clock. Do not start packing up your materials in anticipation of the end of class. Class is over when I dismiss you for the day. Before you leave, please take a look at the floor around you. Pick up any items on the floor (whether they belong to you or not) and throw them in the trash if necessary. Make sure to fix your desk/push in your chair before you leave and take ALL of your belongings with you.

Plagiarism

You are personally accountable for all submitted work. Representing another person's work as your own, or letting others copy off of you is considered plagiarism and you will be held accountable. This includes HW Assignments! I have a no tolerance policy for cheating. If you are suspected of cheating on an exam, you will automatically be given a zero. If HW assignments are copied, the grade for that HW will be split among all who are suspected of copying. All suspected incidences of cheating will result in the notification of a parent/guardian and the dean's office.

Ms. Martin's Tutoring Availability:

Tutoring will be during 8th period. Once I know the room, I will let you know. If 8th period does not work for you you can go to any other chem teacher for tutoring if they tutor during a period that works with your schedule. Check the chemistry office for the schedule.

Mr. Evangelist, Assistant Principal of Science, can be reached anytime at TEvangelist@Schools.NYC.Gov. Please notify him immediately if you have a question or a problem that I have not been able to resolve after you have contacted/spoken to me first.

I expect that we will have a very exciting and rewarding year together! If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns at any point-please do not hesitate to contact me.

After both you and a parent/guardian have read the course contract and the citywide behavior expectations, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/martinchemcontract2019> or the "Intro to Course" page of the class website and fill out all of the required information by 8:00am Monday, September 9th to receive credit for your first HW assignment!

