

Formal AP Chemistry Introduction

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Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Advanced Placement Chemistry. I am Mr. Thompson, your AP Chemistry instructor, bringing fifteen years of high school chemistry teaching experience and a background in chemical research.

This rigorous course prepares students for the College Board AP Chemistry examination in May. We will explore atomic structure, chemical bonding, thermodynamics, kinetics, and equilibrium through laboratory investigations and theoretical applications. Students should expect 2-3 hours of homework nightly and extensive laboratory work.

Success in AP Chemistry requires dedication, strong mathematical skills, and excellent time management. Prerequisites include completion of Chemistry I with a B+ average and concurrent enrollment in Pre-Calculus or higher mathematics.

I maintain high academic standards while providing comprehensive support. Study sessions occur weekly, and I'm available for individual consultations by appointment. All laboratory safety protocols must be strictly followed, and the safety contract requires both student and parent signatures.

College credit potential makes this course invaluable for students pursuing STEM fields. The challenge is significant, but the rewards are substantial. Please attend our mandatory parent information meeting on September 8th at 7:00 PM in the chemistry laboratory.

I look forward to guiding dedicated students through this advanced scientific journey.

Respectfully,

Mr. David Thompson

AP Chemistry Instructor

Science Department Chair

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