

# IPC: Integrated Physics and Chemistry

## Classroom Rules, Regulations, and Requirements

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**Course Description:** Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC) is the basis for the upper-level science classes you will be taking here at Hays High School. IPC will also be preparing you for the TAKS Test. This course is a fast-paced, challenging yearlong course. Motivation and desire are among the strongest qualities for success.

**Homework:** Practice is necessary for success here in IPC. The best way to practice in a science classroom is through homework. Unless instructed otherwise, all homework and lab reports will be due at the beginning of the class period. **Late assignments will not be accepted (HHS Regulations).**

**Test:** Examinations will be given at the end of each unit. If you fail a test, you will be required to attend a tutorial session prior to retesting. You will have one week to retest. The highest possible grade for a retest is 70%.

**Labs:** Laboratory experiments are designed to enhance learning. Lab safety is a **very** important matter. A safety contract must be signed by you and a parent/guardian indicating your awareness of all safety policies. You will not participate in lab experiments until this contract is signed and returned. In addition, you must also pass a safety and equipment test before participation in a lab activity. If you choose to violate lab safety policies, you may be asked to leave the lab area and you will receive a zero for that particular report. Grades in the lab are based on individual performance; each student is responsible for information covered in the lab. Lastly, students are responsible for any broken or damaged lab equipment and must replace it.

**Attendance:** Good attendance is expected and absolutely necessary for successful learning. Excessive absences can cause you to fall behind and lead to unnecessary frustration. **YOU** are responsible for makeup work. If the absence is excused, you will have one day for each absence to turn in your makeup work. If you are absent on the due date of an assignment, you are to turn in that assignment on the first day of your return to class.

**Tutorials:** Tutorials are each morning from 8:20-8:40 am unless otherwise told. I will also be available some afternoons.

**Class Expectations:** There are only a few simple expectations in this classroom. You are expected to be prompt, be prepared, be productive, be polite, and be positive. These are necessary skills for future success.

**Grading Policy:** Tests will make up 60% of your total grade, Lab and Homework grades are 40%, and Daily grades are the remaining 10%.

**To the Parents:** If you wish to contact me outside of class, the best method is through e-mail. I make it a point to check my e-mail several times a day. Should you wish to contact me over the phone, I will return all phone messages in a timely manner once the school day has completed.