

Dear Chemistry Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to check in with you to see if you have any questions about the expectations for completing chemistry work online or any make up work that your student may need to complete. As of now, 3rd quarter Chemistry PowerSchool grades are totally up-to-date.

Make up Tests and Quizzes: Administration has stated that teachers are not allowed to give any virtual tests or quizzes or make up tests or quizzes from previous units. This means that if your student needs to make up any assessments, they will need to do it after we return to school.

Unit 8 Assignments: Technically the normal schedule had us completing Unit 8 on Friday, March 13. Students who were in school took the Unit 8 Test on March 12 or 13 depending on their block schedule. Due to students being distracted by the media announcements, I am offering forgiveness for late assignments related to Unit 8. So the Schoology calendar will so Unit 8 Test Review, Unit 8 Science Article, and Unit 8 Extra Credit listed for today.

Unit 9 Assignments: For the next unit, I only posted two assignments: CK-12 Flexbook and PhET Simulation. These assignments will be due one week after we return to school, but I recommend that students do them now if they are able.

<https://flexbooks.ck12.org/cbook/ck-12-chemistry-flexbook-2.0/>

I am using an online textbook called a Flexbook 2.0 Chemistry for High School. **Chapter 14 Behavior of Gases** has 15 pages with text, pictures, videos, and practice problems. The practice problems are designed for students to get 10 correct before moving on. So if they get the first 10 questions correct, they only get 10 questions. If they answer a question incorrectly, the program will give them easier questions until they reach a total of 10 correct answers. Once students complete a set of questions, they must click the yellow TURN IN button at the top of the page in order for their scores to be sent to my progress report. Each Flexbook page with text, pictures, videos, and practice problems should only take about 30 – 60 minutes. Students should plan on doing one a day. Since there are 10 problems sets, it should not take more than 10 days to complete this assignment.

https://phet.colorado.edu/sims/html/gases-intro/latest/gases-intro_en.html

I also posted a PhET Simulation – Gases Intro Lab that students can do on their own from home. Information about how to do the lab has been posted to Schoology. I will also attach the student worksheet to this email. The worksheet is very user friendly and explains what to click on to do the lab. Students may either answer their questions on the worksheet directly or by typing their answers in the WORD DOC. Students may submit the WORD DOC or photos of their work to the dropbox in Schoology or they may turn in their work when we go back to school.

Obviously, since I will not see the students until April 14th at the earliest, they have been now and then to complete all these assignments. If they do not complete the assignments by April 14, as per HCPS policy they will have one week to make up this work. However, realize that I will be told to assign new materials once we get back so it is in their best interest to complete the online assignments now.

This week I hosted Zoom video chat tutoring sessions every day at 10 AM and 2 PM, and I plan to continue Zoom tutoring sessions next week at the same time Monday – Friday. If your student is not able to video chat, they are welcome to email me through Schoology or call my Google number at (757) 598-1572 for help.

