

Welcome to Chemistry at East!

Hello East High parents! My name is Lizzie Fortin and I will be your child's chemistry teacher this year. I grew up in Chattanooga, TN and went to college at Tennessee Technological University. I moved to Memphis 6 years ago and worked as a forensic scientist before receiving a master's in education. I am really excited to get to know you this year!

My goal as a teacher is to get to know my students to the best of my ability, in order to tailor my instruction to best meet their needs. I understand that not all students learn the same way and at the same rates, so I want to individualize my instruction when possible in order to ensure all of my students are learning.

Chemistry is a very unique subject! It allows us to connect history, math, reading, and art when solving real-world problems. It can be used to help us learn how to work hard and communicate effectively with our peers. These are skills that will help your child in both their future academic and professional endeavors. Not to mention they will need to use concepts from this course when taking future science courses here at East!

This will be a great school year and I can't wait to get to know you and your children over the next several months. Whenever you have questions or concerns please feel free to email me at fortineg@scsk12.org or call me at 901-443-7095. Let's make it a great year!

Grading

Updated MSCS Grading Scale:

- A 90-100%
- B 80-89%
- C 70-79%
- D 60-69%
- F 0-59%

Grading Breakdown

- 5% Classroom Participation
- 10% Homework
- 10% Projects
- 35% Class work
- 40% Assessments

Units

This year we will cover the following units:

- Atomic origins and structure and nuclear processes
- Periodic table and bonding
- Intermolecular Forces
- Molar mass and molar conversions
- Balancing reactions and stoichiometry
- Gases
- Solutions
- Heat
- pH

Required Materials

Laptop, **Binder or Folder**, Pens/Pencils

Class Policies

Cheating: There is a zero-tolerance policy on cheating for any assignment or exam in the classroom. Consequences include notification to the office and parents and a zero for the work. Plagiarism is included as a form of cheating, and includes using another's work and presenting it as your own.

Tardies: Any student not in their seat, doing their bellwork, when the bell rings will be counted tardy.

Skipping: Any student who has an unauthorized absence from class is considered to be skipping. This includes students leaving the campus and also students who do not come to my class and instead roam the halls or are in a different teacher's classroom. Skipping will result in a notification to parents and administrators. In addition, any missed work due to skipping will be marked as 0 and students will not have the ability to make-up this work.

Bathrooms: Students will be required to ask me if they can use the bathroom before they leave the classroom to do so. The students will not be limited to a certain amount of bathroom passes per semester, however if a student is regularly asking to leave class to use the bathroom, then I will talk with that student to find the best time for them to use the bathroom so that the amount of class time that they miss will be reduced.

Cell Phones: Cell phones will not be allowed to be used during class. Students will be expected to keep their phones in their backpacks during class.

Make-up Policy: Students are responsible for getting their make-up work any time they are absent including field trips. When a student is absent, they will be required to turn in their missing work the class period directly following the day they return to class.

Late Work: If work is turned in late but within one week of the due date only 10% will be deducted from the grade for that assignment. If work is turned in more than one week after the due date there will be a 50% deduction from that assignment grade.

Labs: Students will complete at least one lab per unit. Safety is first and foremost in the lab. There is no horseplay in the lab and students should never be in the lab without a teacher. If safety becomes a concern then a student may not be permitted to complete the lab.

Projects: Students will complete one project per quarter. Instructions and rubrics will be posted on Teams.

Extra Credit: I will provide the students with many opportunities to earn extra credit. These will be talked about in class and posted on teams.

Tutoring: Tutoring is available everyday after school from 3:30-4:00. Please inform me that you are coming to tutoring prior to showing up.

Ms. Fortin Contact Information

- fortineg@scsk12.org
- 901-443-7095

_____ (Student's Name) has read, understood, and will comply with the course description and expectations for Ms. Fortin's Classroom.

Student's Signature

Parent/guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Survey Questions

Instructions: Parents, please fill out this survey and have your child return it to me on **Monday, August 14th**.

1. What is the best way for me to contact you (phone call, email, text, etc...)? Please provide that contact information below.
2. What are some things that teachers have done in the past that have made you feel well connected to your child's education?
3. What ways do you believe that your child learns best (EX: One on one instruction, lab experiments, reading, in groups, etc....
4. What else would you like me to know about your child?