



Southmoreland School District

AP Chemistry Curriculum Overview

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The Advanced Placement course is equivalent to two semesters of college chemistry at the science, engineering or pre-medicine major level. Students will be expected to maintain a rigorous pace that will require a great deal of independent study, reading of the text and supplemental materials and high-level problem solving. Students will follow a college-style format consisting of weekly quizzes, multi-chapter exams and comprehensive mid-term and final exams. Topics covered will include chemical reactions, stoichiometry, gas behavior, thermochemistry, atomic and bonding theories, liquids, solids, solution chemistry, kinetics, equilibrium, acids and bases, reaction spontaneity, electrochemistry, nuclear chemistry and organic chemistry. A laboratory component is also included which will require written laboratory reports. All students taking the course will receive the coursework and experience necessary for the AP Chemistry Examination.

Module Titles:

* Modules with an asterisk are for Advanced Chemistry 1

Module 1: * Chemical Foundations

Module 2: * Atoms, Molecules, and Ions

Module 3: * Stoichiometric Relationships

Module 4: * Aqueous Reactions and Solution Stoichiometry

Module 5: * Gases

Module 6: * Thermochemistry

Module 7: * Atomic Structure and Periodicity

Module 8: Concepts of Bonding

Module 9: Liquids, Solids, and Solutions

Module 10: Chemical Kinetics

Module 11: Chemical Equilibrium

Module 12: Spontaneity, Entropy, and Free Energy

Module 13: Electrochemistry

Module 14: Nuclear Chemistry

Module 15: Organic Chemistry

Module Overviews:

Module 1-7: Advanced Chemistry 1 Review

* The first few weeks of the AP Course will be spent on a quick review of modules 1 - 7 of the Advanced Chemistry 1 curriculum.



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Module 8: Concepts of Bonding

Students will apply the concepts of the localized and delocalized electron theories of bonding to determine bond polarity, bond character, and molecular geometries for chemical compounds.

Module 9: Liquids, Solids, and Solutions

Students will apply the concepts of intermolecular forces of attraction and colligative properties of solutions to calculate boiling points, melting points, vapor pressure, and osmotic pressure of solids, liquids and solutions.

Module 10: Chemical Kinetics

Students will interpret rate, concentration, and time data, as well as the effect of catalysts on rates of reaction, to determine differential and integrated rate laws and the energy changes involved with chemical reactions.

Module 11: Chemical Equilibrium

Students will apply the concepts of Le Chatelier's Principle and chemical equilibrium to quantify the positions of reactions at equilibrium.

Module 12: Spontaneity, Entropy, and Free Energy

Using thermodynamic data students will determine reaction spontaneity and degree of completion.

Module 13: Electrochemistry

Students will use the concepts of electrolytic and galvanic cells to determine reaction spontaneity, degree of completion, and

Module 14: Nuclear Chemistry

Students will learn to distinguish between alpha, beta, and gamma decay processes to determine the decay stages of radioactive isotopes of elements.

Module 15: Organic Molecules

Students will learn to name organic molecules using standard functional groups and the IUPAC naming conventions and to determine the products of substitution and elimination reactions.