



# Rocky River High School

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## *Greetings New 2018-2019 AP Chemistry Students and Parents,*

***Welcome to AP Chemistry!*** Although this is a rigorous course that requires intrinsic motivation and effort, the rewards are significant. These include: credit of up to 10 semester hours at most universities, admission to honors programs, scoring near perfect on the SAT II Chemistry subject test and, ultimately, a strong foundation for those pursuing a career in either engineering or the medical sciences.

Due to the heavy content of the AP Chemistry curriculum as well as the necessary laboratory component, efficient use of class time and a fast pace is required. We essentially complete 1.5 years of college-level chemistry within 8 months. For this reason, a summer assignment is required to ensure students are ready to go on day one. It is primarily a review of the honors chemistry course and the test is similar to the honors chemistry final exam. Online access to the OWL2 digital account is available as of June 1, 2018, with instructions for creating this account on the following pages. Details regarding this assignment are also outlined below.

In order to meet additional lab requirements set by the College Board, seminar attendance is required beginning in mid-September. AP Period 3 will be assigned to Mondays and Wednesdays, while AP Period 5 will have Tuesdays and Thursdays. If this coincides with the designated lunch period, students should bring their lunch to class and share lab tasks with their partners.

Three OWL Progress Checks are due by Saturday, August 18, and the corresponding test will be in class on Wednesday, August 22. Feel free to email me with any questions you may have, and be sure to check your google email accounts for any updates.

Enjoy your summer—I look forward to seeing you all again this fall!

Best,

Cindy Zebris  
Honors/AP Chemistry Instructor