

Dear Chemistry A Supporting Adults,

Good Afternoon! This term, you are getting this email because your student is in chemistry A with me, Rebecca Swanson. I am really enjoying working with my students this year. I know most students are really happy to be back in the class and interact with other teens regularly. I also know how happy we all are to be including labs in the science curriculum.

We have been working hard for the last six weeks to learn how to use the periodic table to explain bonding and metal reactivity patterns. Grades in this class are updated after each assignment and are matching in canvas and skyward. You should be able to look at either program to see your student's grade at any time. If at any time you find your student is struggling in chemistry (or any other class), I encourage you to become an observer in their canvas account. This will allow you to see every assignment and the comments they are getting on those assignments at any time. Any teacher can help you set this up.

Every assignment we do in canvas for chemistry is open note. Your student will get feedback on how they can improve in the future in the form of a comment. Students are given time in class to work on these, and they can be finished after class if they need more time. These assignments are not open for retakes but are only worth 20% of the grade. The assessments (worth 80%) of the grade can be retaken if your student scores lower than a B to have the opportunity to bring those assessment scores up to a B. Our first major assessment is this Tuesday. So far, the only assessment in the grade book is the safety quiz. I will have the new assessment in the grade book by Thursday.

I am not be able to attend the Parent-Teacher conferences today due to having to coach the girls' soccer game that evening. If you check your student's grade after the assessment and have concerns, please feel free to email me at rebecca.swanson@rentonschools.us (don't try to reply to this email as those messages go somewhere random) to make an appointment for you and your student to meet with me by phone or zoom. You can also email me questions at any time for the quickest response time. Thank you for all you do to support your student, and let me know if there is anything I can do to improve my support of your student as well.

Rebecca Swanson