

Thank you for your interest in taking AP chemistry!

AP chemistry is a rewarding but extremely challenging class. Because of this, and to ensure that students have the proper lab experience to prepare them for college, the College Board recommends that students take regular chemistry first, followed by AP chemistry.

Although students are allowed to take AP chemistry without first taking regular chemistry, it is considerably more difficult and typically only very advanced and self-disciplined students are likely to be successful.

If you decide that you are better suited to take regular chemistry before taking on AP chemistry, please talk to your counselor ASAP, because it is very difficult to switch classes once the school year has already started. Don't procrastinate this conversation!

If you decide that you would like to take on AP chemistry, do the following:

1. It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that you take the two week summer AP boot camp class. See <https://temeculaeducationfoundation.org/summer-high-school/> for more information. Any problems or concerns, email me at handrews@tvusd.k12.ca.us
2. You must check out an AP chem text book from the library and complete the summer assignment. You can find it on my teacher page at Chaparral High School here: <https://www.tvusd.k12.ca.us/Domain/5453>
3. Be prepared to commit at least one hour every day to the class. If you are the kind of student that needs prodding from your parents to do your homework, or you typically wait until the last minute to work on assignments or study for tests, you will likely struggle in the class and become frustrated. It may be better to wait a year or two while you gain knowledge, maturity, and self-discipline needed to be successful in AP chemistry.

Those of you taking AP chemistry, I'm looking forward to seeing you and working with you in the fall! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

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