

8th Grade Science Syllabus

Teacher: 8TH Grade Science

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Major Units of Study:

- 1.) Matter and Energy
- 2.) Force, Motion and Energy
- 3.) Earth and Space
- 4.) Organisms and Environments

Required Materials:

- Pencil bag
- Highlighters
- Pencils/pens
- One subject spiral notebook
- Box of kleenex

Classroom Expectations:

It's never okay to be disruptive. It's never okay to be hurtful.

1. Show respect to yourself, others, and your teachers.
2. Begin class by focusing silently during journaling time.
3. Use class time to work on assigned tasks.
4. Take care of our classroom.
5. Perform to your best potential.
6. Food, drink, gum, and use of personal electronic devices are not permitted in the classroom.

As a class, we will establish norms and procedures that will help us meet these expectations.

Science Journal: Our science journal will be used to write daily learning goals, and other lab and class activities. Students are responsible for completing journal entries when they are absent.

Grading Policy: 50% of average will come from daily work and the other 50% of the average grade will come from tests.

Homework: Completing all assignments is essential to success in science. Reading, writing, problem solving, laboratory work, and note taking are all important parts of the learning process. Many of our assignments will be completed in class so that we are able to collaborate and so that students will have the opportunity to ask questions however, eighth grade is an important time to build independent learning, studying, and organizational skills in preparation

for high school academic work. Homework will provide extra practice and reinforcement of concepts first learning during class.

Late work:

Work turned in late, but prior to the end of the six weeks will be accepted for reduced credit. Lab reports and projects will have due dates and are graded by your teachers.

Cheating:

Have pride in your own work. Cheating will be handled according to the student handbook. Copying class work is considered to be cheating. The distinction between sharing lab data and copying will be clarified for students.

Make up work:

Attendance is extremely important to this class. Assignments missed during a student's excused absence can be made up, but it is the **student's responsibility to ask for the work.** Assignments help students reach proficiency with our learning goals, and are graded as part of our science notebook and journal. ** If you are absent on a test day and were here for the review, you must make up that test the day after your return.

Tardy Policy:

Tardiest are not acceptable behavior. Tardies are recorded when a student is not in the classroom when the bell rings. Consequences are assigned by the office, according to the student handbook policies.

Hall Passes:

Hall passes are not given during science unless your teachers determine that it is an emergency. All students must have a hall pass with them when outside the classroom.

Lab Safety:

Labs in the class could be dangerous to yourself and those around you. I will not tolerate immature behavior and horseplay.

One last thing: We support all of our extracurricular activities, however academics comes first. Anyone participating in extracurricular activities is held to a higher standard. Balancing academics and after school activities is essential to your success otherwise if you don't pass you don't play. We do not cater to late work or excuses. Welcome to 8th grade Science! We are going to have a wonderful year!

Parent signature

Date

Student signature

Date