



Syllabus Modified for In-School Learning

Block Days (odd/even) are in effect throughout the '20-'21 school year.

Welcome to the incredible world of Science! SCIENCE IS..... A BODY OF KNOWLEDGE BASED ON OBSERVATION AND EXPERIMENTATION. This guide to success is designed to answer any questions you might have about what will be expected this year. It is very important that you keep this handy in case you have any questions. Science teaches us how to become effective problem-solvers in real-world situations. Therefore, as we learn science, we will identify how it applies to our lives. In addition to reading and discussing science content, we will design and carry out meaningful activities and draw conclusions based on our experiences. At home, discover the importance of science in everyday life by looking at the chemistry of baking a cake to fixing the family car with a metric wrench.

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NEW for Q2 Remind Class Codes

Period 1 @ scherrq21
 Period 2 @ scherrq22
 Period 3 @ scherrq23
 Period 4 @ scherrq24
 Period 6 @ scherrq26

Please join Remind for your class period only. Send a text to get class reminders
To: 81010
Message: (use the code to the left for your class period)

*apologies that this version is 12 versions old

Course Description:

- **Science and Engineering Practices**
- **Physics** – Motion and Forces
- **Geology** – Materials and Processes that make up our Earth
- **Energy** – Cycling and flow of matter & energy in the atmosphere, geosphere, and hydrosphere.

Student Supplies:

Composition Book—Ruler—Pencils---High Lighters---Box of Colored Pencils---Bag of Personal Tissue

Communication

- The best way to contact me is through text at 480-424-8248. You may also use Remind or e-mail. Use Remind for quick messages, questions or clarifications. Use email for items that require a more thorough explanation or concern.
- Please be mindful of our time outside of the classroom, as we will be mindful of yours.

Google Classroom: Google Class will still remain active through the year. This will enhance our in-class learning and be used as a point of reference for paperwork should a student miss time due to illness or vacation. All Presentation material used for in-class instruction will be available through Google Classroom.

Classwork/Homework: Homework will only be assigned as a need basis. Homework should only be work that was not done during our scheduled classroom time.

I accept only high-quality work. All Assignments issued will be in paper version but returned to me through Google Classroom by taking a picture of the assignment on your device. Due dates for assignments are very important, so late work will be penalized. If less than a week late, it will be marked down by 20%. If late more than a week, the assignment may be worth only 50%. Missing Assignments are worth 0 points.

The purpose of every assignment is to help you learn geology, astronomy, and physics and how science is done. Not every assignment will be collected or graded. It is in your best interest to complete every assignment on time to assure your in-class activities are meaningful. The goal is to understand and use Scientific and Engineering Practices. With me, communication is essential, so please talk to me if you are having difficulty completing the class assignments in the time allowed.

What is considered Cheating? Copying another student's class work or homework is considered cheating. Any student caught copying will have their paper taken and receive a zero. The student that allows another student to copy their work will also have their paper taken and receive a zero. Copying answers from another student during a test or quiz will result in a zero and a referral to the administration for cheating. Refer to the student handbook for disciplinary actions for cheating.

Science Notebooks: Notebooks should always be kept in order, complete, and neat. I will give a specific format for the notebook next week. Notebooks will be graded at the end of each quarter.

My Expectations of You:

- Be respectful and kind to one another.
- Be prepared and participate in class every day.
- You are expected to be in your assigned seat when the bell rings.
 - Begin and complete the daily bell work assignment during the first five minutes of class.
- Perform what is asked of you the first time it is requested.
- Remain silent at appropriate times, such as teacher lecture, during the administration of tests or quizzes.
- Keep all cell phones and electronic devices off and in your backpack. With teacher permission you may use it as a stopwatch, timer, calculator, or use the internet for quick research. Inappropriate use of cell phones includes texting and internet use not related to class work. Cell phones and other devices that interrupt class will be dealt with at the teacher's discretion.
- You may not use a tablet/laptop in class unless authorized by the teacher. Devices should only be used for class related assignments.
- Get water before or after class or bring bottled water with you.
- Raise your hand if you have a question or comment during class.
- Students must get permission from the teacher to leave class to use the restroom. Only one student is allowed to go at a time.
- Remain in your seat until the bell rings, AND you are dismissed.

Consequences to not meeting Classroom Expectations:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Call home to parent
3. Referral to administration

Any offense outlined in the student handbook, supersedes these classroom consequences

GRADING POLICY

Grades are calculated from the student's test scores, quizzes, lab reports, homework, projects, presentations, and class participation. Grades are based on cumulative points per semester and calculated into a percentage.

Letter grades are based on the following percentages:

- 90% - 100% = A
 80% - 89% = B
 70% - 79% = C
 60% - 69% = D
 59% & below = F

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Percentage</u> | | <u>Points</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Classwork/Labs | 55% | 15pts (2 Week) | Total 300 |
| Quizzes | 20% | 20pts (5 Qtr) | Total 100 |
| Tests | 25% | 50pts (3 Qtr) | Total 150 |
| | 100% | | 550 |

Semester grades are calculated as follows: First Quarter and Second Quarter = 80% Final Exam = 20%

- **Test Retake Guidelines** - one per quarter based on student request; all classwork must be completed for that unit
- **Quiz Correction Guidelines** - as many as needed based on student request; must be completed prior to the unit test; corrections can earn 50% of the total points

Parents will have access their child's grades online through Infinite Campus. You will be receiving information on how to log in. Students are expected to check their grades weekly.

Attendance and Makeup Work Standards: Google Classroom will be used throughout the quarter to ensure that students who are absent for any reason still have access to our learning. What will be posted are class presentation slides, YouTube videos, and activity worksheets.

Tardy Policy: If you are not in class, you cannot learn the material. Therefore, the first two tardies to class you will be reminded to be to class on time. After your third tardy you will begin receiving lunch detentions and phone calls home. After your fifth tardy to class, you will receive a referral to the office for additional consequences.

Hall Pass: Students are expected to be in class. In the event a student needs to use the facilities, the student must have teacher permission to leave class. Only one student may be out of the room at any given time. Food/Drink Policy Neither food nor drink is allowed outside the cafeteria except for clear water in a clear closable container. No gum is allowed on campus

7th Science 2020-2021 Syllabus Acknowledgement*Modified for Back to In-school learning.*

*I have read the above policies, rules, and procedures and understand the information on the above pages. I agree to follow all the rules and procedures listed. *

_____ Period _____
Student's Printed Name

Student's Signature

Guardian's Printed Name

Guardian's Signature

| Student's Initials | Guardian's Initials | |
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| | | I understand that some of the coursework is online, and it is mandatory to access the school website and class collaboration site multiple times during the week |
| | | I understand the attendance policy, and realize that it is the responsibility of the student to seek out make up work and complete the assignments and make up tests and quizzes in the time specified in the syllabus. |
| | | I understand that this course requires homework at least once a week. |

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