

8th Grade Science Syllabus
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Room 312

Visualized Science

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you have fun in Science this year. I want you to try to see Science in the everyday world. Explore and interact with the world then engage in the conversations in class based on your prior knowledge. **Everyone** has something to contribute.

The following guidelines will help to clarify what is expected of you in Science class this school year.

**Please read them carefully, and then have your parents read them.

**These guidelines should be glued into the front page of your notebook for future reference.

**Please sign (student and parent) the last page and return it to me.

COURSE CONTENT:

Units Covered:

1. Science Basics/Measurement
2. History of Earth/Evolution/Genetics
3. Physics
4. Waves (Light/Sound/Magnetism)
5. Astronomy

Grading Policy

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

Grading:

Homework - Graded on points. (No late homework accepted)

Tests and Quizzes

Labs/Projects – Graded on points. (Late Labs are worth partial points)

Extra Credit is **NOT** given in my class. Students should do the work given.

- All homework is posted on Google Classroom for the week. It is the **students' responsibility** to figure out what they have missed and turn it in.
- Cheating is never allowed in my class. Students caught cheating or sharing papers will receive a zero on the assignment and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. On-line we will be doing plagiarism checks.
- All work should be done on COLLEGE RULED PAPER/Google Docs

Grading Breakdown:

Homework: 20% Labs/Projects: 40% Tests/Quizzes: 40%

Citizenship Grade

Outstanding- This student must go “above and beyond”. They must contribute more to the class.

Satisfactory- This student follows all rules and performs all tasks as requested (most students).

Non-Satisfactory – This student follows most of the rules and performs some tasks as requested.

Unsatisfactory- This student does not follow rules and does not perform the tasks requested.

Materials Recommended:

Book: Hardback (Provided by School) as well as ON-LINE Textbook Access

Pencils and Pens (Black and Blue Preferred)

Composition notebook (**COLLEGE RULED ONLY PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!**)

Folder to hold returned paper (if your notebook has folders in it that is fine)

One Expo/Dry erase marker

1 Glue Stick

Schoolwide Guidelines:

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful

Also: Be Nice!!!!

Classroom Policies:

- 1) All school rules apply.
- 2) Verbal abuse or inappropriate talk will not be tolerated in our classroom.
- 3) Ask permission before handling other people’s stuff. If you don’t get permission, don’t touch.
- 4) We are all here to learn, if you disrupt the process, appropriate consequences will ensue.
- 5) This is a big class and we will be working with a lot of science materials. All the materials we will be working with are expensive and are to be handled with care. Cleaning up is very important. I don’t have time to clean up after you so please help me out. (Upon Return)

If we all do our part, we are going to have a great time in science class this year. I am hoping to learn as much from you as I hope you are going to learn from me. To reach me please email me at hmactaggart@fcusd.org

If you are interested in donating to your child’s science class, please look at my [Amazon Wish List](#).

A classroom can never have too many boxes of kleenex, sanitizing wipes, blue tape, and sharpies!

PARENT SIGNATURE SHEET

(Please Print, Sign and Return to Teacher)

We have read and understand the syllabus and the classroom policies.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Print Parent Name

Parent Signature

Parent Email (contact email): Please Print Neatly

Anything you think I need to know about student or what I can help out to make this a great year:
