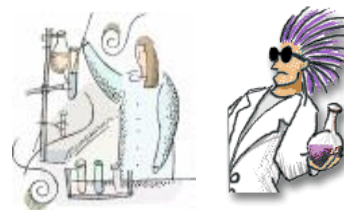




Grade 8 Science Syllabus
Mrs. Bachert
Room 308



Welcome

back to a new school year! I hope you have a blast and learn a lot in Science this year. I want you to try to see Science in everything, every day. Explore and interact with your world then engage in the conversations in class based on what you know and what you're learning. **Everyone has something to contribute.**

The following information will help to clarify what to expect and 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 the last page (student and parent) and return it to me.**

COURSE CONTENT:

Each unit will cover a basic foundation:

1. Science Basics/Measurement (Metric System)
2. Chemistry
3. Physics
4. Astronomy



Grading Policy

Grades are based on the following:

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| Tests and Quizzes | 40% |
| Labs and Projects | 35% |
| Homework and classwork | 25% |

Grading Scale:

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| A | 90-100% |
| B | 80-89% |
| C | 70-79% |
| D | 60-69% |
| F | <60% |

Homework and Classwork - Graded on points. (Only **1** late homework assignment will be accepted for the year for a maximum of **half** credit.)

Tests- 100 points, Quests – 75 points, Quizzes - 50 points

Labs/Projects – Graded on points. (Late Labs will be accepted for a maximum of **half** credit.)

Extra Credit is NOT given. Students should do the work assigned.

- Do the assigned **reading**.
- **Always ask questions** if you don't understand something!
- All **homework is posted weekly**, if absent it is the **students' responsibility** to come to find out what they have missed and turn it in. It is highly recommended that you do not wait until the night before to do all of it.
- **Review** (aka Study) for tests.
- **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.
- All hand written work should be done on COLLEGE RULED paper!

Citizenship Grades

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/or does not perform the tasks requested.

School wide Guidelines:

Be Safe

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Also: Be Kind!



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. Clean up is very important. I don’t have time to clean up after you.

Materials Needed:

Blue or black pen, college ruled spiral bound notebook

Recommended additions:

A few colored pens or pencils, scientific calculator, graph paper, pencil, ruler, glue stick

*if these are a financial burden please let me or your counselor know

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!

If we all do our part we are going to have a **great time** doing science 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 e-mail me at abachert@fcusd.org



Wish List: Any help with supplies would be appreciated: Always needed:

Clorox Wipes

3M Blue Painters Tape –It sticks the best around here. *** Really Needed

Paper Towels (We use these a lot)

Kleenex –Very needed, the school kind hurts.

Mini Hot Glue Sticks

Expo Dry Erase Pens

Other random items:

Baking soda, balloons, corn starch, clear glue, clay flower pots...

Science Syllabus
PARENT SIGNATURE SHEET

(Please Print, Sign and Return to the 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 you (the student) or what I can help out to make this a great year:
