

Mr. Varner's 8th Grade Science Class

Syllabus

Welcome!

8th grade science is full of learning opportunities. I am excited to get started and look forward to your ideas, discoveries and goals. The following guidelines will guide our activities to promote safety in the class.

Expectations:

Show Respect ----- Solve Problems ----- Make Good Decisions

Daily Materials:

Computer with Charger, pencils, blue or black pen, binder and paper.

Attendance:

Research shows a strong connection between learning, grades and attendance. Students need to be in class on a daily basis. If a student does miss school, the work needs to be made up. Assignments and other resources will be posted on Microsoft Teams which can be accessed through your child's issued computer.

Grading:

Grades will be based on the number of points students earn over the course of each quarter. Semester 1 grades will be the average of quarters 1 & 2. Semester 2 grades will be the average of quarters 3 & 4. The following grade scale will be used to determine letter grades.

Percentage	Letter Grade	Grade Point*
93-100	A	4.0
90-92	A-	3.7
87-89	B+	3.3
83-86	B	3.0
80-82	B-	2.7
77-79	C+	2.3
73-76	C	2.0
70-72	C-	1.7
67-69	D+	1.3
60-66	D	1.0
Below 60	F	0

Letter Grade	Description	Credit Attempted	Credit Earned	Grade point Value (GPA)
P	Pass	Yes	Yes	No
N	Non Pass	Yes	No	No
S	Satisfactory (Waiver)	No	Yes	No
U	Unsatisfactory	Yes	No	No
W	Withdraw	Yes	No	No

Late or Missing Assignments:

Late assignments will be accepted until one week prior to the end of each quarter. Any late assignment needs to be 100% completed with no omitted tasks or questions. Late work more

than 10 days late will be recorded as “collected” but will not be scored. Excessive missing work (More than 25%) may result in an incomplete or failing grade.

Powerschool:

All parents can see my real time grade book using Powerschool. In order to access you must have a user name and password. If you do not have a username and password please contact the student office at 354-5201.

Homework:

Students will have homework in science class. Students should be revising their notes in the science notebook, reading Accelerated Reading book, or completing unfinished classroom work. If a student says they have no homework or they finished it at school, please ask them to share their work with you. Part of earning an “A” in my class is helping others understand an idea or topic during the quarter. Helping a family member learn ideas and concepts we are studying in class helps to solidify student understanding.

I look forward to a fantastic school year full of learning, laughing and hard work. If you have any questions or you ever have that parent intuition that says something is just not right... please contact me. E-mail works best for me as I can usually respond during the day. I will return phone calls but they tend to be after school or before school.

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