

Mr. West's Physical Science Class 2021-2022 Syllabus

Welcome!

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

Expectations:

We form and participate in a learning community—Expectations of performance are held high—Show up to class ready to learn— To succeed you need to put in the effort

Daily Materials:

Computer, something to write with, something to write on (more will be added when we get back in the classroom)

Attendance:

Research shows a strong connection between grades and attendance. Students need to be in class on a daily basis. If a student does miss school, they will be responsible to make up the in-class work. It is the student not the teacher's responsibility to get caught up if class time is missed. It is the teacher's responsibility to provide the materials to get caught up.

Grading:

Grades will be based on the number of points students earn over the course of each quarter. Semester grades will be the average of quarters 1 & 2. 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 Work:

Students may turn in late or missing work up to two weeks after it is due. Assignments will receive partial credit if they are late. After two weeks, students may complete work for 50% of the points.

Low Performance:

Students that do not perform well on assessments will have the opportunity to showcase their proficiency in the subject matter after the fact. Students will need to complete this work outside of normal class time. They may not be able to receive full credit, but will be able to raise their grade to passing. Students will need to meet outside of class time with Mr. West to discuss the conditions in which this may take place.

Classroom Behavior (Teams):

Students are expected to show up to class prepared to learn. Students raise their hands when they would like to speak, they are expected to stop talking when asked, complete assignments in a timely manner, stay on task, be respectful of the classroom materials and their classmates, use appropriate language, **not be distracted on their cell phones**, not distract others, behave appropriately, and strive to be the best they can be. Students that are not able to participate in this class as a respectful member will face discipline. Students removed from class due to discipline are expected to keep caught up with the classwork and participate in restorative practices before reentering. Behavior expectations on our class teams are consistent with those outlined above.

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 office at 354-5200.

Homework:

Students will not have much homework in science class as long as the students stay on task during their class time. If homework is given students need to have it completed by the beginning of class. Each time homework is given students will note the fact in their daily agenda. To cover the material needed during this school year students **must** come prepared to learn on-time and be a respectful contributor to our learning environment.

Assignments/Teams:

I will be posted using the Teams platform to distribute assignments. All most all work will be completed electronically in the Student's Microsoft OneNote Notebook. Students will be trained in how to use OneNote and Teams before any assignments are given there. Technology does not always go as planned. In the event that computer programs fail on the student's end it is their responsibility to bring this to Mr. West's attention, and/or contact ITSC to fix the issue. It is Mr. West's responsibility to be accommodating to computer malfunctions. Students that need alternatives to electronic assignments can talk to Mr. West for accommodations.

1st Semester we will be learning about Physics. We will study science skills, motion, forces, Newton's Laws, energy and simple machines. We will focus heavily on skills to prepare students for high school sciences such as; organization, scientific method, one-step equations, scientific writing, reading graphs, and engineering.

I look forward to a fantastic 1nd semester 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, or next morning. I will return all phone calls but they tend to be after school or before school.

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Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____