

Science Syllabus

8th Grade Science and Integrated Physics & Chemistry

Mr. Bower

I. Rules

- A. Follow all school rules.
- B. Follow the class rules. The class rule is “Do the right thing.”

Some examples of doing the right thing are:

1. Be respectful to the teacher, your classmates, all school staff, all visitors, and yourself.
2. Be kind and considerate to everyone.
3. Follow Thumper’s Rule- "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."
4. Maintain a polite, positive demeanor at all times.
5. Be on time to class, with all required supplies, and any homework that may be due.
6. Have all necessary materials ready for class. *Bring these items everyday:*
 - a. Pencils with erasers (pens, markers, etc. are not allowed in our classroom)
 - b. A desk pencil sharpener with a receptacle for pencil shavings
 - c. A 3-ring binder pencil bag in which to keep the above items
 - d. 1” standard three-ring rigid binder (*not a flexible binder*)
 - e. Dividers for binder (you will need at least seven dividers)
 - f. *Anything else that the teacher asks you to have*
7. Get a drink of water and use the restroom before the tardy bell rings.
8. Immediately upon entering the room, sit down, and remain seated in your assigned seat at all times until the teacher gives you permission to get up.
9. Do not lean your chair back, and do not put your feet on chairs, tables, etc.
10. Raise hand and wait for permission to speak, ask questions, etc.
11. *Follow all class rules that the teacher may assign.*

II. Grading

- A. Homework/ Classwork/ Daily Assignments/ Etc. 50%
- B. Tests/ Major Projects/ Etc. 50%

III. Supplies

- A. I will require various supplies and materials throughout the year, as they become needed. To start the year, please make sure you have all materials listed above.
- B. I do not accept assignments turned in on paper that is torn or crumpled. If you use a spiral notebook, it must be a three-hole, micro-perforated notebook. *Wireless* notebooks are best.

IV. Spending Class Time Productively

- A. “On-Task” behavior is expected at all times. Every student is ultimately responsible for their own education. There are two general class requirements. First, every student must do their own personal best at all times, including academically, intellectually, and behaviorally. Second, and more importantly, **no student is allowed to interfere with the education of another student**. Any student causing any other student to not be able to perform at their highest level, whether through distraction or disruption, will result in discipline for the offending student, and possible removal from the classroom.
- B. If at any time there are moments when the teacher is not teaching, and the student has finished all required science assignments, then the student is expected to have a science AR library book to read quietly. No talking without permission is allowed at any time. *Science AR library books are required, as they can be used to accrue extra credit points.*
- C. Extra-Credit opportunities are available in my classroom. Options will be explained in class.
- D. Violations of school or classroom rules will result in one or more of the following:
 - 1. Changed Seating, Time-Out, or Written Discipline (lines, pages, essays, etc.)
 - 2. Student-Teacher Conference or Parent-Student-Teacher Conference
 - 3. Lunch Detention
 - 4. After-School Detention
 - 5. Office Referral