

8th Grade Science Syllabus

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Long Range Goals

First Nine Weeks	Second Nine Weeks	Third Nine Weeks	Fourth Nine Weeks
Unit 1: Lab Safety, Metrics & Scientific Method Unit 2: Waves Unit 3: The Universe, Stars & Galaxies	Unit 4: Atoms Unit 5: Periodic Table, Chemical Compounds, Chemical Reactions Unit 6: Heat	Unit 7: Force & Motion Unit 8: Earth Land Systems - Minerals, Rocks, Plate Tectonics, Fossils, adaptations, extinction Unit 9: Genetics	Unit 10: Interactions within Ecosystems Unit 11: Interactions within Human Body Systems & Feedback Mechanisms Unit 12: Weather Systems

Rules and Expectations:

All students are required to follow the rules mandated by FISD Handbook and Friendswood Junior High School Handbook, as well as the classroom rules as follows:

Classroom Rules:

- Be respectful to both your classmates and me.
- ABSOLUTELY NO TALKING DURING Warm-ups!
- No food, drink, candy or gum allowed in the classroom at any time.

Discipline Procedure:

1. Student conference/warning.
2. Teacher detention.
3. Parent contact.
4. Office referral.

Lab Class Procedure:

On Lab days, you will need your lab notebook, and pen/pencil. Do not bring anything else to class.

On lab days students who wear closed toe shoes with a back and pants will receive 5 extra points on the lab. *This is for your safety.* I will post the weekly schedule on my website and the classroom board in order for the students to make timely arrangements.

- The student will remain seated at all times, unless instructed by the teacher.
- The student will raise their hands if they have questions.
- If any equipment is broken during "horseplay", the students you will be asked not participate in the remainder of the lab. You will be required to pay for any equipment broken due to "horseplay"
- If **ANY** school or classroom rules are broken at **ANY** time, the will be asked not participate in the remainder of the lab and 20 points will be deducted from their lab grade.

Tutoring:

Tutoring will be Tuesday and Thursdays before school from 8:00-8:20. **If you need other times please make an appointment with me.**

Regular Science Grading Guidelines:

50% Tests, Labs (major) & Projects
30% Labs (minor) and Quizzes
20% Daily Work & Homework

Students will be graded in accordance with District Grading Guidelines through various forms of assessment and evaluation. Students will work individually, as well as in small or large cooperative groups. **Late work is accepted one day late for a maximum grade of an 80; on the second day it will be a maximum grade of a 60, any work after that will result in a 0.**

Science Projects are optional. Students that enter Science Fair will receive extra credit!

Homework is assigned as an enrichment activity. The student will have 2 days from the date assigned to turn it in. It will be turned in at the beginning of class, after that it is considered late.

PreAP - Science Grading Guidelines:

50% Tests, Labs (major) & Projects
30% Labs (minor) and Quizzes
20% Daily Work & Homework

Students will be graded in accordance with District Grading Guidelines through various forms of assessment and evaluation. Students will work individually, as well as in small or large cooperative groups.

Science Projects are mandatory (and fun!)

No late work will be accepted

Homework is assigned as an enrichment activity. It will be due the following day at the beginning of class.

Please keep this syllabus in your notebook at all times.

"State law requires that a student be in attendance at least 90% of the time that a class is offered. If a student does not meet the attendance requirement, credit will be denied. Every 3 tardies that a student accrues to a class will be recorded as an absence when determining final exemptions and denial of credit. Students who are more than 10 minutes late to any one class will be considered absent."

My signature indicates that both the parent and the student have read and understand the syllabus for Ms. Humble-Davies science class. **Please sign and return by August 29, 2009.**

Parent signature

Date

e-mail address

Student signature

Date

Supplies:

* With the exceptions of the notebook and composition notebook, all supplies will be kept in the classroom.

- 1 Kroger paper bag
- 2 composition notebook

For your convenience, I have these composition notebooks that students can buy directly from me for 50¢ each. They will need these by the 2nd day of school.

**The color of your composition notebook will be specific to your particular class as follows:*

1st - Orange; 2nd - Black; 3rd - Red; 4th - Green; 6th - Blue

The following should be brought according to their class period

- tissue (1 box) - **(advisory)**
- 2 Clorox wipes - **(1st period only)**
- 1 pair of regular size scissors (please buy this from the dollar store) - **(2nd period only)**
- 2 glue stick (large) - **(3rd period only)**
- 2 rolls of paper towels - **(4th period only)**
- 1 set of thin markers (washable) - **(6th period only)**