

Physical Science Grades

Grading Criteria

1. 35% Tests
2. 35% Homework
3. 20% Labs
4. 10% Participation
 - Bringing needed materials to class
 - Keeping a notebook during class
 - Not disruptive during class
 - Attentive in class
 - Be on time to class

Grading Scale

- A = 90-100
- B = 80-90
- C = 70-80
- D = 60-70

- Grades will be updated and posted after each test, so that you can keep track of progress throughout the term.
- Late homework is not accepted.
- Extra credit will be given very sporadically, and possibly not at all. Do not depend on this to save your grade.
- Term grade = 80%. Final exam grade = 20%.
- Remember that credit for graduation is earned term by term.

***** Please note that 65% of the grade is based purely on student effort (homework is 35%, labs are 20%, and participation is 10%). For this reason any students putting forth noticeable effort should have no trouble passing the class.***

After reviewing the grading criteria and class expectations with Mr. Putnam, I understand what behavior is expected of me in class and that my effort is the key to my success.

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After reviewing both sides of this document, I understand what is expected of my child and that they will pass if they put forward appreciable effort both in class and on homework assignments. I also realize that my child needs a notebook and a scientific calculator.

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Physical Science Expectations

Class Rules

1. Follow instructions the first time.
2. Only one person talks at a time.
3. Be in your seats when the bell rings.
4. No phones allowed in class, unless you have permission.
5. Keep your hand to yourself.
6. No food or drinks in class. Water only is allowed.
7. No sleeping in class.

Consequences for Breaking Rules

1. 1st infraction = verbal warning.
2. 2nd infraction = detention (5 minutes after school on the day the rule was broken or 15 minutes after school on the following day).
3. 3rd infraction = detention and a phone call home.
4. Each subsequent infraction = referral to the principal.

Student Responsibilities

1. Bring all of the following to class each day: physical science book, homework, pen, pencil, notebook, and scientific calculator. Failing to do so will result phone calls home.
2. Students are required to wear a pair of OSHA approved chemical safety goggles for all lab activities. These will be provided by the school.
3. Students need to have a scientific calculator by the end of the first week of class. Not having this on a daily basis will not allow participation, which will result in a lower grade. Math is an integral part of this class.
4. If absent it is the student's responsibility to get makeup work. You have the number of days missed plus one day to makeup homework.
5. Homework handed out prior to an absence will be due upon your return.
6. Any missed lab will be made up on Thursdays after school. No more than one lab will be made up on a given Thursday. You will have the two Thursdays following an absence to makeup a missed lab.
7. Late homework is not accepted.
8. The restroom and water fountain will not be used during class time. If you have a medical condition that requires the use of these, you will need to bring a note from your physician.