

2017-2018 8th Grade Science Pre-AP Syllabus

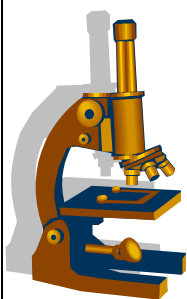
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Welcome back to another school year! I am very excited to have you all in my class this year. In May, all 8th graders will take a Science STAAR test based on Science standards learned in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th.

My name is Sonia Eudy. This starts my eighteenth year of teaching. My hobbies include running, reading a good book, hiking, camping, traveling, watching sports and spending time with my kids. This is my fourth year to teach science in Terrell and I absolutely LOVE IT. Most importantly, I chose teaching to strike the curiosity and imagination of our next generation of leaders. As our world's obstacles and limits continue to change, I aim to teach generations of thinkers and innovators. Please reach out with any questions or concerns that may arise!

Class Description and Goals

This year we will cover a number of topics from the universe to the atom. We will also cover everything in between. Attached is a **lab safety contract**. Please be sure to sign and return as soon as possible because **this is the only way to allow your student to participate in labs**. On the back is also a student and parent information sheet that I would like to be filled out so I know the best way to contact you

- Unit 1 – Lab Safety
- Unit 2 – Atoms Structure
- Unit 3 – Periodic Table
- Unit 4 – Chemical Formulas, Equations and Reactions
- Unit 5 – Force, Motion and Energy
- Unit 6- Newton's Laws
- Unit 7 – Forces that Change the Earth
- Unit 8 – Climatic Interactions
- Unit 9 – Earth, Moon and Sun Systems
- Unit 10 – Light Years and Theories
- Unit 11 – Universe/Stars
- Unit 12 – Interdependence and Adaptations

My main goal as your teacher is to help you succeed both in the classroom and in life. Science is a fascinating and applicable subject that helps us better understand the workings of the world around us. Even more important, though, I want each of you to fall in love with learning. No matter how old we get, our ability to learn and understand new things plays an important role in our lives. I want each of you to become lifelong learners!

Materials Needed

*The following supplies should be brought with you to science **EVERYDAY**.*

Folder ~ may stay in the room or taken home daily and brought back

Pencils, Ink pen

Tape or glue

Markers, colored pencils

Attendance

You are required to attend class on time every day. This is one of the most fundamental ways to ensure that one learns what needs to be learned in class. Each student is allowed a total of one “free” tardy each term. Upon acquiring your fourth tardy, you will receive an office referral and the possibility of being barred from most school activities. I will also contact your parents.

Absent Work

It is the **student’s** responsibility to complete work missed while absent from class. A day-to-day calendar of the class schedule will be provided on the Terrell ISD Website. It is the students’ responsibility to locate and finish any assignments missed while absent. Rest assured, you will be given ample time to complete the work and get caught up. Please come talk to me if you need any help locating and finishing these assignments.

Late Work Policy

Late work turned in will result in a 10-point deduction, per day up to five days. After the unit test no late work will be accepted for that unit. It is the student’s responsibility to turn late work into the teacher.

Assignments (Worksheets, Activities, Labs, etc.)

Much of the work we will do is “in class work,” meaning we do it together in class. As long as you attend class daily and work hard, there is no reason why you can’t successfully accomplish these assignments during class. When homework is given, however, you are expected to complete and return it to class at the specified time. It is important that you learn now to be prompt with your work!

Quizzes and Tests

Short quizzes will be given on a regular basis to ensure that you comprehend the content we are learning together in class. At the end of each unit, a larger unit test will also be administered. Notes are not allowed during these tests. Thus, you are strongly encouraged to study and prepare at home prior to test day. Review worksheets and/or study guides will be given out regularly to aid you in your review of the material. I will also provide an extra help session just prior to the test to go over anything you want to have clarified. Cell phones will be taken up during testing to prepare for STAAR testing.

Projects

You will be required to complete a project for each six weeks. It will count as a Test Grade. I will be posting the due dates for the project on the Calendar. Details and requirements of each project will be explained in further detail in class.

Furlough Middle School Grading Policy

All grades will be posted online and can be accessed by using the “Parent Portal”. I encourage you to use this system, as this is another way to monitor your student’s progress.

WHAT YOUR GRADE MEANS

A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 F=69 and below

50% - Major grades (labs, presentations, projects, unit tests)

50% - Minor grades (class work, quizzes)

Home Access Codes: M = student absent on the day assignment was given and has not turned in assignment

Zero = student was present for assignment but did not turn it in

Blank= student turned in the assignment, but assignment is still being graded

STUDENT SUCCESS INTERVENTION PLAN

1.) Students may re-take test and quizzes if they score below 70%. Re-take grades may not exceed 70% per district policy.

* In order to retake a unit test students must have completed test corrections and attended at least one tutorial session with an 8th grade science teacher.

2.) Students can make corrections on any assignment below 70% with an opportunity to bring their grade up to 70%.

*Late work policy still applies to corrected work.

**Students must complete re-takes and corrections within 5 days of receiving graded work.

Retakes will not be given and corrections will not be accepted after the 5 day window**

Discipline Plan

“The teacher has the right to teach, and each student has the right to learn.” To help protect such rights, and to ensure that everyone is completely able to learn and succeed in class, I have established the following rules and consequences:

Classroom Rules

1. Be in your seat ready to work when the bell rings.
2. Bring all required materials to class each day.
3. Follow directions the first time they are given.
4. Respect yourself, others, and school property always.

Consequences for Breaking the Rules:

1. 1st offence- warning
2. 2nd offence- parent contact/detention
3. 3rd offence- office referral

To stay up to date in Science ~

Text the message @bhb6dc to the number 81010

Also download the app myHomework it’s free

I am looking forward to a great year this year! I hope you are all prepared to come learn and have fun! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Please return this page

Please sign below if you have read through, understand, and agree to the terms above.

Student: _____

Parent/guardian: _____

Parent/guardian's phone # _____

Parent/guardian's phone # _____

Parent/guardian's e-mail: _____

Feel free to share any questions or comments that you may have on this form (or in an e-mail).