



8th Grade Science 2016-2017

Class Policies & Expectations



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Welcome to 8th grade science! This letter is to inform you of my class policies and to give you a brief overview of what we will be studying this year in science. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

Textbook and e-book

Issues & Earth Science- (SEPUP) Published by Lab-Aids®

Issues & Life Science- (SEPUP) Published by Lab-Aids®

Issues & Physical- (SEPUP) Published by Lab-Aids®

The book can be accessed online at: <http://ebooks.lab-aids.com/student-resources>

Username: stamford678

Password: student

Grading Policy:

- Grading will be based on:

✓ Tests/Quizzes/Formal Assessments	35%
✓ Classwork/Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required Materials (homework, supplies) • Daily SEPUP activities 	15%
✓ Projects/Alternative Assessments/Lab Reports	40%
✓ Homework	10%

Homework/Labs/Activities:

- Homework will be assigned periodically and as needed Monday-Thursday. It is rarely given on Fridays.
- Homework assignments can be handed in late, but for less credit.
- **You are responsible for all work assigned in class even if you are not in class.** Make sure to get all missing handouts when you return.

Daily Materials:

- Students are required to bring their 3-inch binder with a section for their Interactive Science Notebook (which will consist of loose-leaf paper or a 1-inch spiral notebook), a science folder, homework (if applicable), agenda book, and working pens and pencils to class every day.

Extra Help/Make-up Work

- Students are welcome and encouraged to request extra help whenever they need it. We can often find time for extra help during lunch, as well. If you need help with something, **tell me as soon as possible! Don't wait!**

Class Rules and Expectations

- The TOR code of conduct as well as:
 - Be Respectful – of people, our classroom, and class materials
 - Be Responsible – for your learning, your grades, your materials, and your actions
 - Keep the Classroom Safe – Physically and Emotionally.

Consequences:

- 👤 Any student who does not follow classroom rules will face the following:
 - 1st time: reminder of rules and a warning
 - 2nd time: name on board
 - 3rd time: lunch detention
- 👤 If the problem continues, students will receive any of the following at the teachers discretion:
 - Student's parent/guardian will be notified
 - After school detention
 - Referral to Principal

(Note: any student whose behavior is unsafe or very disruptive will be sent to an administrator without a warning)

Hall Passes:

For you to do well in class, **you must be in class!** Please plan ahead and go to your locker during ASSIGNED locker times and go to the bathroom between classes or during lunch. You must ask permission and have your **own** passport to leave the classroom, and restroom time is scheduled for the last 5 minutes of class (except for emergencies).

The following topics will be covered this year in Science:

**Review/Science Procedures, Energy, Force and Motion, Simple Machines, Earth in Space, The Solar System, Evolution, Bioengineering

How to Succeed: Come to class prepared and with a good attitude. Use your agenda book! Ask questions when you don't understand.

Please sign below indicating that you understand the expectations for a successful school year ahead:

Student Name

Parent/Guardian

Parent/Guardian Email address AND phone number

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____