

8th Grade Integrated Science

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Course Description

In 8th Grade Integrated science we integrate principles of Chemistry, Physics, Biology, and Environmental Science. Following are the units we will cover (in order):

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Ecology
- Environmental Science

There will be daily mastery checks, 1 quiz per unit, and a cumulative test at the end of the unit.

Assignments

Assignments are worth 10% of your final grade. You will keep all assignments and use them to study for mastery checks and quizzes.

Homework

Most assignments are completed in class and kept in your science notebook. Students that don't finish in-class assignments can finish them at home for homework.

Materials to bring every day to class

- Science notebook
- Pen and/or pencil

Extra Credit

There is no extra credit in this class. To improve your grade, you can retake mastery checks, tests, and quizzes.

Late Work

All assignments will be handed in on the last day of the unit. Students will have a one-day grace period and then assignments can be docked up to half of the total points.

Grading Policy

You can retake mastery checks, tests and quizzes if you do poorly on them. In order to retake a test or quiz, a student must come before or after school to get help on what they didn't understand. Grades will be updated on Skyward at least once a week. In compliance with the Disabilities Act, students needing special accommodations may contact the instructor for alternate arrangements.

Final Grade Breakdown

Most of your final grade is determined by your understanding of science concepts as determined by daily mastery checks, quizzes and tests. Because of this, it is important that you are in class, paying attention, completing assignments, and studying for all mastery checks, quizzes, and tests. Mastery checks are short, daily quizzes that are based on the previous day's material. Generally, there will be one quiz per unit and one final test. There are study helps for mastery checks on my website. There are also study guides for tests and quizzes on my website. The final term grade will be determined by a student's performance in the following areas:

1. **Test/Quizzes/Mastery Checks - 90%**
2. **Assignments - 10%**

Grading Scale

Your letter grade will be given according to this scale:

A = 90 -100	B- = 70 - 74	D+ = 50 - 54
A- = 85 - 89	C+ = 65 - 69	D = 45 - 49
B+ = 80 - 84	C = 60 - 64	D- = 40 - 44
B = 75 - 79	C- = 55 - 59	F = Below 40

Classroom Rules

At Timberline Middle School students are taught school-wide behavioral expectations, called the Grizzly Guide. The Grizzly Guide states that students are respectful, responsible, resourceful and brave.

Teachers at Timberline specifically teach the Grizzly Guide and reinforce it by distributing Pawsitive Tickets, which students can exchange for prizes.

When a student's behavior is contrary to the Grizzly Guide, he or she is re-taught the behavioral expectations with quick feedback from an adult. If the student repeats the inappropriate behavior after being re-taught, teachers may provide an opportunity to re-direct the student's behavior through a Think Time, where the student completes a reflective worksheet, and apology. Major behavioral infractions, such as physical violence or vandalism, result in an office referral.

See the online Student Handbook for more information about the Grizzly Guide and Timberline's school-wide positive behavior plan.

Tardy Policy

I follow the school tardy policy.

Electronic Devices in Class

This year we will have the benefit of using personal electronic devices (cell phones, tablets, etc.) for learning purposes in class. Use of personal electronic devices will be closely monitored and only used in class for learning purposes. Accommodations will be made for students without devices so they won't miss out on any learning experiences. Misuse of electronic devices will result in confiscation of those devices according to the school nuisance item policy.

I am looking forward to a great year and I will do my best to help students succeed in this class.

Thank You

Mr. Jolley

You can detach and return the bottom or return the whole thing if you would like

I agree to the policies presented in this disclosure document.

Student name

Student Signature

Parent/guardian signature