

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science  
2020-2021

Mrs. Mueller

Plan Period: 3rd hour—9:49 to 10:37 a.m.

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**Course Goal:**

A better understanding of how science affects each of us in our daily lives and how we, in turn, affect our surroundings is the main goal of this course.

**Course Description and Instructional Philosophy:**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science is a general science course including Earth Science, Life Science and Introductory Chemistry. Students learn by different modalities, therefore, many methods of teaching will be used. In this classroom, students benefit from the use of the technology available.

**Expectations:**

All students are expected to attend class well prepared, which includes, but is not limited to: bringing needed supplies and completed homework assignments, staying awake, obeying rules, and participating appropriately.

Students are also expected to get homework assignments in the event the student misses class for any reason.

**Grading and Grading Scale:**

The grading scale established by the Board of Education will be followed in this course. That scale can be found on page 3 of the Student Planner.

Homework is due on the due date announced when the assignment is given, usually the next school day, unless stated otherwise. Homework is considered complete when the student identification information is on the work and turned in appropriately--hard copy or electronically. Latework is not acceptable. Projects are not accepted late.

**Course Assessment Plan:**

Tests may be given near mid-term and near the end of each quarter or major projects may be due near mid-term and near the end of each quarter to help determine the grade for that grading period. Most tests will be taken on the computer in the form of multiple choice on Lumen. Keeping access to Lumen is vital for this process to work effectively. Projects will be used as performance assessments.

In the event a student misses a test, the student is responsible for making that test up within 2 days of returning to class. Tests will be given before school so the student does not miss any more class time.

**Major Course Projects:**

A Science Fair Project will be completed throughout the year.

**Extra Help:**

If extra help is needed or wanted, the student or parent should contact the teacher using the above contact information. Students may get help before school.

**Textbooks:**

Textbooks will be used in the classroom and provided as needed. Packets are distributed to each student. The packets are ready to be put in a three-ring binder dedicated to Science. These packets have most of the homework assignments available. Keeping track of these packets is vital for success. Replacement fees may be accessed in the event of a 2nd copy being needed.

**Needed Materials:**

Pencils, Colored Pencils, Outside Reading Book, One-Subject Spiral Notebook or loose leaf paper, Three-Ring Binder dedicated to Science, Student Planner

**Communication:**

Communication is vital for success. E-mail addresses of parents are requested for communication between parents and teacher. Keeping Lumen access is the best way to stay connected to the activities and homework.