

8th Grade Science
Students expectations and classroom Procedures
Mrs. Muzaffar - Room 120

Welcome to middle school science. Science courses in middle schools are designed to teach students basic skills and knowledge that can set a better foundation. Students expectations and procedures are in place to make the learning experience fun and engaging for all students. It is essential for every student to follow these rules.

Required materials:

Spiral notebook (reserved for science).

Pen and Pencils (blue or black only).

Colored pencils, highlighters, glue sticks.

Students expectations

- Follow school rules (see planner).
- Be on time - be in your seat before the tardy bell.
- Be prepared to learn - come with school supplies and ready to learn attitude.
- Respect others - Listen to other people's opinion and respect their property including Teacher.
- Put your best foot forward - show your best effort, stay positive and stay on task.

Classroom policies

- **Attendance/ Tardy:** Enter the classroom quietly, be on time, be in your assigned seats and work on bell work/ warm-up. A student is considered tardy if not seated when the tardy bell stops ringing, unless they have a pass from office or staff.
- **Respect others:** Listen and respect others' opinions. Raise your hand and wait to be called upon. Interrupting other students or teacher is not allowed.
- **Homework:** Homework should be written down in the planner every day. Homework is graded at the beginning of each period. Late work is accepted after a week for 50% reduced credit. After two weeks, a missing assignment does not hold any value and cannot be made up. Students cannot make up lab work, an individual assignment has to be done in case you are absent on lab days.
- **Late/ missing/ make up work:** Work missed due to an absence will be due within one week of return. Missing quizzes or tests are also due within a week of absence and can be arranged during advisory, before and after school. Long term assignments due dates remain the same. Missing homework is marked down half a credit after one week and zero credit after two weeks. It is a student's responsibility to borrow missing notes from a fellow student (choose a responsible student). 4 late work passes are provided to each student, please use them mindfully.

- **Restroom breaks:** Restroom breaks are not allowed during the class; students are encouraged to use the restroom during passing period. 4 restroom passes are provided for each student. Please use them mindfully, unused passes can be exchanged for 3 points each pass at the end of the semester.
- **Grading Policy:** Assignment must be on time, neat and complete in order to qualify for full credit. Certain assignments, including any collaborative group work, projects, or lab work will follow with a grading rubric.

☐ Point Value

Bell work/ warmups/ exit tickets	17 % of total grade
Homework/ Classwork	18 % of total grade
Labs/Projects/ collaborative group work	20 % of total grade
Assessments	25 % of total grade
Performance tasks	20% of total grade

- **Communication:**

You can reach me at s.muzaffar@westside.k12.ca.us or call (661)722-9993 ext. 77350. Check the PowerSchool regularly for grade updates and Google classroom for new assignments.