

Eighth Grade Science Sheet

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Course Description

Science 8 is a yearlong activity based class. The focus is on Physical Science and we will explore topics on Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy.

This year, we are planning to pilot new topics and materials related to the new NEXT GENERATION SCIENCE STANDARDS.

More information will follow.

Class Standards

1. Be in your seat when the bell **starts** to ring.
2. Leave class only when I dismiss you.
3. Do not **chew** or **eat** in class.
4. Clean up after experiments – do more than your share.
5. For safety and effective learning, follow all safety procedures and directions carefully.

Above all, conduct yourself as a **young adult** and **scholar**.

Tardies

You are considered tardy if you are not in your seat and ready with the proper equipment when the tardy bell rings.

Homework

Homework will be assigned approximately twice a week. Students are expected to read the chapter or study everyday for about 15 minutes. **Late homework will receive half credit.**

Absences

It is expected that you will make every effort to be in class on time everyday.

NOTE: Daily agendas are posted on the RHMS website at:

<http://rollinghills.campbellusd.org>

Go to Classroom Pages, click on 8th grade and then again under Mrs. Raghu.

Evaluation

80% of the Grade is based on TESTS and PROJECTS, 20% of the Grade is accounted from Notebooks, Homework and **your** effort in class.

RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE AND IS DEFINITELY REQUIRED IN THE SCIENCE CLASS.

STUDENTS SHOULD SHOW RESPECT TO THE TEACHER, FELLOW STUDENTS AND CLASSROOM MATERIALS.

Science Notebook Guidelines

At the end of every chapter, you will be turning in a folder (notebook) with all of the assignments from the chapter.

Notebooks

Notebooks will be turned in once every two weeks and will be accompanied by a chapter test.

Materials Needed Everyday.

1. **Blue or black pens** – All written work requires writing with a blue or black pen.
Pencil work will not be accepted.
2. **Red pens** – All corrections require a red pen.
3. **Highlighters**, for the whole year.
4. **Binder paper.**
5. **Folders** – with three prongs to turn in notebooks.
6. A **calculator** (a simple one will do for Science)
7. A small size **Ruler** for graphs.
8. Contribution of a **Tissue box** will be greatly appreciated.

Organization

For everyday use, you may share the same three ring binder with all of your subjects, allotting one section for science.

Evaluation

Your notebook will be evaluated on:

1. Accuracy and completion
2. Organization
3. Neatness

TAKE HOME ASSESSMENTS

Every chapter test will be followed by a take home project, which will be assessed as a test. Students will be given sufficient time and materials to complete this project, which should be turned in on the assigned date.

Name: _____ P: _____

Student Technology Use Rules

Directions: Read this page with your parent or guardian then complete the form at the end. You will not be allowed to use technology in the classroom until this form is completed and returned. You need to understand that if you choose to break the technology use rules, you will lose the privilege of using technology in the classroom.

Inappropriate Content & Graffiti

Inappropriate content will not be allowed on laptops/devices.

Presence of weapons, pornographic materials, inappropriate language, alcohol, drug, gang related symbols or pictures will result in disciplinary actions and loss of use of the laptops/devices.

Sound

Sound will be muted at all times unless permission is obtained from the teacher for instructional purposes. If we are engaged in an assignment that requires listening, you may bring your own earbuds to use.

Deleting Files

Do not delete any folders or files that you did not create or that you do not recognize.

Do not edit or otherwise revise any documents or files that you did not create or have permission to share.

No Loaning or Borrowing Devices

Do not loan your assigned laptop/device to another student (anything done on your assigned computer is your responsibility, even if you "loaned" your laptop/device to another student)

Do not borrow a laptop/device from another student.

Other Important Rules

Do NOT share passwords or usernames.

Do NOT walk around with the lid of the laptop open. It is to remain closed when you are proceeding to and from the cart.

Do NOT carry your laptop by the lid.

Do NOT stack the tablets (iPads) on top of each other.

Carry the tablet (iPad) with two hands. If taking pictures, for example, hold the tablet (iPad) while a friend taps the camera button.

Set the laptop/device CAREFULLY on a flat surface.

Music, Videos, Games, or Programs

All software loaded on the system must be district approved.

Music, videos, and games may not be downloaded or streamed over the internet.

This may be a violation of copyright laws.

Illegal downloading and distribution of copyrighted works are serious offenses that carry with them the risk of substantial monetary damages and, in some cases, criminal prosecution.

Copyright infringement also violates the District's Internet Service Provider's terms of service and could lead to suspension of the use of the District's Internet service.

STUDY & TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

I have read and I understand the **Physical Science 8 Syllabus and Technology Use Rules**. I am aware that behavior and participation in class counts for my grade.

Student Name

Student Signature

Parent Name

Parent Signature

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please complete the following contact information so that we can have an open communication throughout the academic year. You can find my contact information on the green syllabus and in your child's notebook. Thank you!

Guardian Phone Number: _____

Guardian e-mail address: _____

Guardian relationship to student (ex: parent, aunt, etc.):
