**8th Grade Science Classroom Expectations**

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8th grade science is a dynamic exploration of earth, life and physical science. This class will conclude with the 8th grade state science exam

**Grade Breakdown**

30% Tests

15% Quizzes

20% Homework

20% Projects, Presentations, Labs

5% Participation, Preparedness, Notebook

**Students must have the following materials for class each day. Failure to have these materials will result in a deduction of class preparedness grade:** marble notebook, sharpened pencil, pen, class text, folder to transport work home. Students must also have at home: markers/crayons/colored pencils, glue, scissors, construction paper. Students must provide me with one-two pocket folder to store benchmarks. **No liquid white out will be permitted.**

**Academic Honesty:** Cheating or plagiarism (copying of someone else’s work from any source) will not be tolerated. Students will receive a grade of zero (0). There will be no exceptions to this rule.

**Attendance:** Class absences should be kept to a minimum. If a student is absent they must check JupiterGrades for missing assignments and homework. All missing work is expected on the day they return. Class notes will also be on our class website. Class time is also very valuable and is not to be wasted. Please arrive to class on time, use class time wisely, and work until the end of the class. **Penalties will be given for being late**

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned nearly every night. It will be graded on a scale of either 1-10 or ✓ or ✓ +/- . Homework assignments will be posted on JupiterGrades. Late homework will be accepted with a penalty of one (1) point each day late. Homework will not be accepted after four days late. All homework must be redone, if labeled incomplete. If a student is missing more than 3 homeworks, a phone call home will be made. Homework is to be done in the students notebook unless otherwise noted. It is the responsibility of the student to regularly check JupiterGrades for homework assignments and grades.

**Tests and Quizzes**: Tests will be given at least 3 times per quarter. If a student receives a grade below 65 they must retake the test after scheduling a redo with me. Students will have the opportunity to redo test questions if they fail to meet benchmarks for that section of study. Quizzes also will follow this policy.

**Projects and Presentations:** Projects and presentations will be assigned periodically throughout the year. No late projects or presentations will be accepted. There are no exceptions to this policy. Presentations are to be done on the assigned day unless previously discussed.

**Labs:** Labs and other hands on activities will be conducted at least once per week. Due to the nature of this course, you must always be prepared for lab (that means having all requested materials and pre-lab assignments). You must always behave according to classroom norms and respect all laboratory procedures. Failure to follow lab rules will exclude the student from all future lab experiences.

**Notebooks**: Notebooks are very important. You must keep your notebook neat and organized. You must also adhere to the notebook template posted in the room.

**Class Behavior Guidelines**

* Be respectful of yourself, your classmates and your teachers. It is important to let everyone speak without being interrupted so that there can be meaningful and interesting classroom discussions.
* Be responsible. We all must keep a neat and organized classroom, No gum, food or drinks are permitted in the classroom at any time. (Except for water)
* Be prepared. You are expected to have pens, pencils, notebooks and folders all the time.
* Be tolerant. No intolerant, derogatory, or inappropriate language will be used in any classroom. The classroom atmosphere should be one where everyone is comfortable while we all respect each other’s ideas backgrounds and opinions.
* Be open. Everyone’s voice has the right to be heard. Therefore, when someone is speaking everyone else should be listening attentively.

\*\*\*The class guidelines may be changed at the discretion of the instructor.

Students will be informed of any changes.

I have read and understand the classroom guidelines. I will adhere to the class guidelines to the best of my ability. The class guidelines will remain posted on the first page of my notebook.

Student Name:

Student Signature:

I have read and understand the classroom guidelines. I will assist my child to the best of my ability in adhering to the classroom procedures

Guardian Name:

Guardian Phone Number:

Guardian Email: