



9th Grade Essential Elements of Science 2007-2008 Classroom Expectations and Syllabus

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Textbook: Foundations of Physical Science

Homework Policy: We perform a multitude of laboratory investigations in class. However, when homework is given, all assignments are DUE the following day unless otherwise noted. Late work **will not** be accepted. Homework will be listed in class, and weekly assignments can also be found at www.schoolnotes.com. A link is provided on my homepage. It's the student's responsibility to make sure they have written down their assignments on their monthly calendar.

Absences and Make-Up assignments: If a student is absent on the day an assignment is due, they will have one day for everyday they missed to complete and turn in the assignment. It's the student's responsibility to turn in any assignments due on the day they return. If not, a grade of zero will be issued for that assignment. If a student is absent on the day of a test, he/she will take the test the day they return. If a student is absent on the day an investigative experiment was performed, (depending on the duration of the investigation,) it's the **student's responsibility** to acquire a lab-make-up form to be signed by a parent/guardian, so that the lab can be performed **after-school**. Scheduled times will be given out as needed.

Grading: Based on a cumulative average of each category and weighed accordingly:

Tests: 30%
Laboratory Investigations: 25%
Quizzes: 20%
Notebook: 15%
Homework: 10%

Grading Scale:

90-100%-A
89-80%-B
79-70%-C
69-60%-D
59% and Below-F



Materials: Students are expected to bring the following items to class unless otherwise noted:

1. Pencils
2. Colored Pencils
3. Red and Black Pens
4. Standard Scientific Calculator
5. 5 Subject notebook (specifically for Science)
6. Graph Paper
7. 1 manilla file folder

Assignment/Laboratory Format: All homework assignments should be done neatly, using complete sentences. Scratch outs and white-out is **not acceptable**. Neatness exhibits a caring attitude, and pride in your work. All Laboratory investigations must be **typed** unless otherwise stated.

Tardies: Promptness is important. Drinking water or going to the restroom should be done in between classes. Students must be in their seat when the bell rings. A science prompt will be provided for students to answer in their notebooks or notes to copy for the first 5 minutes of class.

Curriculum Scope (Tentative): Introducing/Getting to Know the Inquiry Process (Ongoing)
 Measurement (Ongoing)
 Astronomy
 Properties of Matter (Chemistry)
 Chemical Interactions (Chemistry)
 Forces and Motion (Physics; specifically Newton’s 3 Laws)
 Work and Energy
 Environmental Science
 Technology (Ongoing)
if time permits.....
 Genetics; Forensics Science

I have read and understand the above guidelines pertaining to the syllabus and classroom expectations for Ms. Watkins’ Essential Elements in Science Class.....

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ Per. _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____