



8th Grade Science Syllabus 2018-2019

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Office Hours: Wednesday 3:30-4:15 pm

My “office hours” are available for students to: re-teach, make up tests/quizzes, receive extra help or practice on STEMscopes, or ask questions about their grades.

Students must make an appointment by emailing me.

Grade Weights for Each Semester:

- 25% - Projects
- 35% - Classwork/Labs/STEMscopes
- 20% - Quizzes/Tests
- 10% - Final Exam (written & graded by Gwinnett County)
- 5% - Homework
- 5% - Interims (written & graded by Gwinnett County)

Parent Portal will be updated weekly for parent/guardian convenience.

Students are encouraged to check their grades regularly and ask questions that they might have about their grades. Do not wait until the end of the semester to do this!

STEMscopes:

Students will need access to the internet to complete homework assignments through STEMscopes.

STEMscopes is a website that uses inquiry-based learning models and encourages students to explore, touch, and interact with stem phenomena. Within the website students are able to experience cross-curricular learning of hands-on labs, simulations, science reading, engineering challenges, and more.

Resources:

STEMscopes, STEMscopes 8th grade workbook, NLAE website, class handouts & notes.

Organization will be extremely important for this class since content is coming from a variety of sources.

Portal Grades:

If you see...

- **ABS** = Student was absent during this assignment and it needs to be made up.
- **NTI** = Student was present during this assignment and did not turn it in when it was due.
- **EXC** = Student did not complete assignment, it is excused, and the student does not need to make it up.
- **A number** = The number of points a student received out of the assignment.

Absences/Tardy Policy:

If a student misses a test or quiz, they must make it up the first day that they return to school. According to the handbook, students with unexcused absences will be given a zero on any classwork they have missed. Homework can still be turned in for credit. In the event that a student has an excused absence and has brought a written excuse, they can meet with me during office hours to catch up on classwork.

Students have **5 minutes** to change in between class. Once class has begun, teachers will lock their doors and students will be considered tardy. Students will be allowed in the classroom after their tardy has been marked. It is the student's responsibility to make it to class on time – and **they can't learn if they're not in class!** 😊

Retake Policy:

According to NLAE policy, you may request to retest if **ALL** of the following are true:

- 1.** You have attended tutoring for a re-teach of the material, **or** prepared for the retest in another teacher-approved way (test corrections, other assignments).
- 2.** You have demonstrated effort to learn the material in class.
- 3.** The original graded test with a parent signature and student corrections (if requested) are stapled.

Please note: you may retake each test only one time, and it must be **within 3 weeks** after the original test has been given. You may not retake district or state assessments.

This year we will be exploring the following concepts of Physical Science:

- Intro to Energy
- Waves
- Gravity, electricity, and magnetism
- Force and motion
- Matter
- Energy

Please sign and detach this slip of paper and return by Friday, August 10, 2018.

I have read and understand the syllabus for the 2018-2019 8th Grade Science Class.

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____