

GRADING

Grading for science will be weighted according to the following: Tests = 40%, Labs/Quizzes = 30%, and Homework = 30%.

Taking notes in class and completing assignments *on time* and to *the best of your ability* will be a major part of your success in this course.

The grading scale is as follows:

A = 100-93%

B = 92-83%

C = 82-73%

D = 72-63%

F = 62% and below

CLASSROOM RULES

1. Be courteous and respectful to your instructor and fellow students
2. Be in your seat and ready for class when the tardy bell rings (see handbook for tardy policy)
3. Bring your textbook, notebook, assignments, and writing materials to class each day
4. No food or drinks in the classroom

DISCIPLINE RULES

Discipline will be used as follows:

1st offense = name on board (warning)

2nd offense = detention

3rd offense = discipline referral

Habitual disruptions will result in a meeting with parents

LAB EXPERIMENTS

1. Follow instructions and safety procedures carefully
2. No food or drink in the lab area
3. Properly dispose of materials/as instructed by the teacher
4. Each student is responsible for their own lab reports for each exercise

HOMEWORK/MAKE-UP WORK/LATE WORK

Homework assignments are due the day they are called for! Late work will be accepted the next day for ½ credit. If homework is not turned it will be counted as a 0 in the gradebook. Multiple 0's in the gradebook will drastically drop your grade!

Students are expected to contact the teacher to determine any work missed due to an absence. *Students are responsible for making up any homework or lab exercise missed.* For each day missed, students are allowed 1 make-up day.

COURSE OUTLINE

Earth's Waters

Inside Earth

Earth's Changing Surface

Chemical Interactions

Human Biology

SAFETY CONTRACT

The safety of a science laboratory depends on how well individual students understand and follow safety procedures. The purpose of this contract is to make students aware of the importance of their personal safety and the safety of their fellow students in the science laboratory.

As a responsible science lab student, I will:

1. Follow all lab procedures and instructions given by the instructor.
2. Wear eye protection when working with heat, glass, or chemicals.
3. Use equipment only for its designed purpose.
4. Not disturb or distract others while they are working in the lab.
5. Inform my teacher of any accident or injury as soon as possible.
6. Become familiar with the location and use of lab safety equipment.
7. Conduct myself in a responsible manner during lab investigations.

I have read and understand the rules and procedures of the science classroom and lab area
