

CELL PHONE POLICY

Electronic devices may be used in the classroom only with explicit permission. Students must comply with requests to put devices away or risk having cell phones turned into the office for parent pickup with a \$15 fee. Students may not use devices in bathrooms or locker rooms.

ABSENCES & LATE WORK

Students will need to make up assignments, homework, and tests missed due to absences.

They are allowed two school days for every day of class missed. If students do not complete make-up work in the time allotted, the late work policy will apply.

IT IS THE STUDENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO GET THE MAKE UP WORK!

Late assignments will be accepted within 3 school days, not to exceed the end of the grading period.

When an assignment is submitted after a deadline, a penalty of ten (10) percent per day will be deducted from the grade with a maximum of 30 percent and 3 days late.

TARDIES.

Students must be in the classroom by the time the bell rings to not be considered tardy. More than 10 minutes late will result in an absence.

UNITS OF STUDY

UNIT 1 - Atoms and the Periodic Table

UNIT 2 - Chemical Reactions

UNIT 3 - Motion and Forces

UNIT 4 - Forces That Change the Earth

UNIT 5 - Global Weather Patterns

UNIT 6 - Sun, Moon & Earth

UNIT 7 - Components of the Universe

UNIT 8 - Interdependence Among Living Systems

UNIT 9 - Student Designed Investigations

Science STAAR Test

In addition to math, language arts and social studies, 8th graders will take a science STAAR test. It is scheduled for May 12th and will cover our TEKS from the year as well as previous science courses.

ETC.

Extra Credit: Periodically, there will be opportunities for extra credit, but this should not be relied upon for your grade.

Retest/Test corrections: If a grade of 69 or below is received on a summative assesment, a student will have the opportunity to retest or do test corrections. See Mrs. Henninger for details.

Mrs. Henninger Science 8 & Honors Science 8 Class Syllabus

The topics covered in class this year will be a mix of topics covered in 6th grade, like elements and compounds, physical vs chemical changes, density, distinguish between metals, non-metals, and metalloids, calculating speed and new topics like structure of atoms, chemical reactions, plate tectonics, and stars and galaxies!

CONTACT INFORMATION

E-mail: chenninger@scuc.txed.net
Phone 210.619.5543 (but emailing me is quicker)

REMIND

Remind is a free "text-messaging" service that allows me (and you!) to quickly communicate about class announcements and reminders.

Science 8: text @844k48 to 81010

Honors Science 8: text @h7d9gb to 81010

CLASS RULES

Rules	Consequences
1. Respect Others	First Offense: low level referral write up
2. Come to Class Prepared	Second Offense: Low level referral write up & parent email
3. Clean Up After Yourself	Third Offense: Low level referral write up & parent call
4. Follow Classroom Procedures (outlined in classroom manual)	Fourth Offense: Low level referral write up, after school detention & parent call
5. Accept Consequences	Fifth Offense: admin office referral

Donations!!

Donations are never expected, but always appreciated! We always can use:

- Kleenex & Paper towels
- Lysol wipes

GRADING SCALE

Tests (given at the end of each unit, may contain a combination of multiple choice, true/false, matching, & short answer questions)	50%
Projects	
Quizzes (checkpoints for me to see how everyone is doing and what we need to review before the unit test.)	50%
Classwork (the stuff we do on a day to day basis!) Also includes Bellwork and Journal Checks)	
Homework (will be assigned regularly and will include any class work not completed in class)	

Exams In addition to unit tests, there will be quarterly assessments, 2 of which will be cumulative semester exams; each at the end of the semesters.

Homework: Homework is given to reinforce concepts learned in class. Homework must be turned in on time for full credit.

Tutoring (in person)

Tuesdays & Thursdays:

3:20-3:45pm

Tutoring hours are by appointment as sometimes meeting and conferences will be scheduled during these times. Please see me to get a pass in to come to tutoring!

Class Resources

Textbook: Face to face students will receive their own paperback textbook and all students can access the online version of Harcourt TxFusion.

Google Classroom: Some assignments & study tools will be posted in Google classroom

Study Guide: A comprehensive study guide for each unit test will be offered

CLASS MATERIALS

Required for face to face learning

- Pencil
- College ruled composition book
- Glue stick
- Notebook paper
- Colored pencils
- Scissors