

Honors Physical Science

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Syllabus

2017-2018

Course Description:

This Honors level course is for students with exceptional ability and high interest who need to be in a more challenging physical science program. Laboratory work, mathematical computations, and problem solving are essential parts of this course. Students in the course will be required to work with more intensity, at a deeper level, and produce a wider range of more complex material. Throughout the year, students will be involved in, but not limited to, the following course guidelines: Introduction to the world of physical science, periodic table representations and elements, chemistry, physics and a combination of real life science applications. Students will actively participate in class discussions, hands on activities, and labs, as well as individual and group projects. Students will be asked to retain a notebook for each chapter throughout the year to be taken up periodically and graded for content and creativity.

Grades:

Students will be graded on a 0-100 scale with every assignment: quiz, lab, research project, daily grades, etc. Whether a written assignment or a quiz, work will stay with the teacher until graded and handed back. There will be folders that each student's work will be kept in for the student to take home and study for the chapter's test that we will be working on. Those folders will be turned in before each test for a grade. If for any reason a student is unable to complete an assignment, they should always turn the assignment in anyway. All work is due when it is assigned. All assignments that are turned in should be written in pencil or blue / black ink and have the student's name, date, and class period printed at the top of the page. If your work is late it will be (-10) pts per day that it is late. After 5 days, missed work can be turned in for a maximum grade of a 50.

The McMinn County grade scale will be used.

Extra Credit

You may earn extra credit for bringing in hand sanitizer, paper towels or Kleenex tissues as Coach Goodin asks for them.

Homework:

As part of an Honors class, you will be asked to perform several tasks at home. This will help develop your understanding of the material, or allow you to express what information that you do not have a full grasp. You are also expected to take your book home and look over material for the next class meeting.

You will complete research projects in this class. Students will be given time in class to work on and complete research assignments. If additional time is needed, then it will be the student's responsibility to find time for that.

Cheating

Cheating will not be tolerated. At any point if I feel that a student's work has been compromised or have physically caught a student cheating, the student(s) involved will receive a zero for that assignment and essay/expanded work for any addition assignment for the remainder of the year.

Make-up Work

Due to the nature of the class, there will a lot of repeat assignments. For example: During chapter 1, we will have numerous quizzes, some form of definitions, and a test. If a student misses on the day of a quiz, then the next quiz will take the place of the one missed. This will help reduce the amount of work that the student will have after an absence as well as keep them from staying after school or coming early to make up work.

The student is responsible for getting their missed work. I will not come to you to give you the work you missed.

**If a student is gone on a field trip or leaves school early for any athletic event, they are responsible for any and all work or assignments that they miss due to that absence. I will not reteach the assignment due to their absence.*

Class Supplies

- Three prong pocket folder
- Pens or pencils to write with. Blue and black ink only
- Loose leaf paper
- Spiral notebook

Class Rules

Students are expected to act in a manner that is suitable for the school setting. This means that they should be aware that not only are they responsible for the handbook rules, but the Physical Science classroom rules as well.

- Be in your seat, quiet, ready to work with materials out and available when the tardy bell rings.
 - All talking stops when tardy bell rings
 - If you are not in your seat when the tardy bell rings, you are TARDY
 - After two tardies, you will be assigned detention
- Always bring your textbook, folder, paper and writing utensils.
 - Have pencils sharpened before class begins
 - If you fail to bring your materials, you will write 150x
 - Do not loan out paper, pens or pencils. Each student is responsible for their own materials.
 - Do not be out of your seat for any reason after tardy bell rings without permission
- No GUM, food or drinks allowed in the room
 - If you have gum or hard candy, dispose of it at the door. If I catch you, you will write.
- No horseplay during class or lab
- Do not sleep in class. Daily grades can be given for participation
- No passes out of class unless it is an emergency.
 - Your personal pass book is required
 - No passes to lockers or other teachers
- No purses or bags on desks
 - If you have to bring your purse or bag to class, leave it under your desk
 - No cosmetology in class
- No PDA
- No cursing in class (cussin')
 - You will write a 500 word essay on creating a class disturbance and the inappropriateness of cursing in class
- I dismiss you from class, not the bell
- The teacher is to be treated with respect

Consequences

1st offense: written punishment

2nd Offense: written assignment doubled and parents called

3rd offense: office visit

*If any infraction is deemed worthy of a visit to Dr. Hutchinson or Mr. Gilbert, the teacher reserves the right to send you immediately

Email: jgoodin@mcmminnschools.com

Planning: 7th period (2:30-3:15)

School Phone: 263-5541

Pacing

1st Nine Weeks Standard 3 – Motion

2nd Nine Weeks Standard 4 – Forces in Nature

3rd Nine Weeks Standard 2 – Energy

4th Nine Weeks Standard 1 – Matter

 I have read these rules and guidelines for Mr. Goodin's Physical Science class and do understand and am aware of the consequences set upon any infraction of said rules and guidelines.

 Student Name

 Signed

 Date

 Parent Name

 Parent Email

 Parent Phone