

**8TH GRADE SCIENCE SYLLABUS 2023-2024**

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**WHAT WE WILL LEARN ABOUT:**

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Physics

Geography

Meteorology

Ecology

Chemistry

Astronomy

Geology

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**SUPPLIES:**

* plastic pocket folder with or without brads *(used ONLY for SCIENCE, Walmart)*
* ****pencils, pens, colored pencils, markers, glue/glue sticks, scissors *(Walmart)*
* electronic device (phone, tablet, or laptop) (we use technology EVERYDAY)

**GRADES:**

Grades reflect a student's understanding of the TEKS ONLY.

**There are no points given or taken away for incorrect headings, neatness, etc.

*Daily Grades- activities, homework, labs (most), weekly quizzes*

*Assessment Grades- tests, projects, labs (some)*

**STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:**

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Be kind and listen to others.

Hold yourself accountable for your actions.

Clean up after yourself,

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

**RESPECTFUL**

Stay on task.

Limit/avoid distractions.

Ask questions if you're confused.

Participate in discussions.

**RESPONSIBLE**

**READY**

Be on time to class.

Have needed supplies.

Turn in work on time.

**CLASS WORK LINGO:**

CFU *(Check for Understanding)* Solo (*Independent)* Recap *(Review)*

P2P *(Peer to Peer)* Cooperative *(Groups)*

**ASSESSMENT CORRECTIONS:**

Assessments can be retaken 1TIME for the student to reflect improvement in knowledge and show mastery of the TEKS.

Retake rules include:

 Retaking an assessment with different questions of the same TEKS.

 Must attend a tutoring session before or after school to review misunderstandings.

Must complete a test correction rationale form to retake the test.

The highest retake grade is a 75.

**ASSESSMENT REVIEWS:**

A hardcopy is given to you 1 WEEK prior to the assessment and it is also posted on your Schoology page if you lose it.

****If you CHOOSE to complete the Assessment Review and turn it in on the day of the test, you will receive 5 additional assessment points added to your assessment grade.

The Assessment Review KEY will be posted the evening prior to the assessment so you can check your answers.

**TEST CORRECTIONS/RATIONALE SHEETS:**

****After an assessment, you may CHOOSE to make test corrections and rationale the WHYS and receive 1 assessment point back per question that you correct to your assessment grade.

If you fail an assessment and choose to retake the assessment, this MUST be completed prior to retaking the assessment.

**TUTORING:**

Tuesdays & Thursdays before or after school.

 Must get a tutorial pass from me.

**SCHOOLOGY:**

Everything we do every single day is listed and linked to Schoology.

Students have access using their 1 Link username and password.

Parents, please view and track their progress in the course.

FYI. Schoology also has an awesome (and free) app! Download it so you can use Schoology in class ANO on the go from your own device.

1 If you’re absent, you go to your Schoology page to see what you missed and make up the work….NO EXCUSES for saying you did not know what to do!

**SKYWARD:**

On Mondays, an email will be sent to both you and your parents through Skyward outlining what you will be doing for the week.

Also, please check Skyward every 2-3 days to look at your grades and average. It is YOUR responsibility to keep up with your work!



Need to find that one thing we did on that one day 2 weeks ago??

Missed something in class?

Absent and need makeup work?

**IS THERE HOMEWORK?**

Here’s the deal: sometimes. you might have to finish up an assignment or a lab analysis that is due tomorrow and you didn't have

time to finish it in class.

Sometimes, you must study for a quiz or test the next day.

Sometimes, you'll want or need to go over feedback you got on an assignment just to see what you need help on or what questions you have for me or your peers the next day.

"Homework" in this class is not just extra busy work: it's simply doing what you need to do to be prepared for the next day. just like you'll do in your careers when you grow up.

Otherwise. as long as you're prepped for the next class, you’ll continue learning outside of school by spending time with friends and family. reading a book, exploring outside, and learning about the world around you .

**STUDENT HANDBOOK:**

Check the student handbook for information on absences, make-up work. tardies. ID's. dress code. cell phones. and other technology use. along with general behavioral guidelines.

The student handbook can be found at: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/studentcodeofconduct>

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:**

Academic honesty is a big part of being a student who is ready. responsible and respectful.

We know that you want to help each other with homework assignments, tests, etc…

There are limits. though.

Directing someone to where an answer can be found on your homework for example is helping, and that is acceptable.

Writing down an answer that you haven't found for yourself is not getting help: it is cheating.

Giving someone an answer that they don't have to find for themselves is not helping: it is cheating.

The Academic Dishonesty Pledge is found here: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/domain/15715>

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