

Physical Science

Instructor: Mrs. Mumm

Description

Physical Science is a two semester, 1 credit, science course. The course covers scientific investigation, laboratory protocol and safety, principles of physics, and principles of earth science. Physical Science is built upon the basic physical science and math instruction received by students in the seventh and eighth grade, with more advanced concepts and accelerated activities included. The instructor will place equal emphasis upon preparation of students for college enrollment and the direct application of physics concepts in careers and daily living. Physical Science is designed to offer a strong preparation for a student enrolling in higher level science courses.

Grading Procedure

Trimester will be assigned based on the following scale:

- 90-100%-A
- 80-89%-B
- 70-79%-C
- 60-69%-D
- 00-59%-F

Grade Determination: An overall grade in this course will be based off of total points and determined using the following guidelines and criteria. Assessments are worth 90% of the total grade and Homework is worth 10%.

1. Tests

A test will be given after each unit of study, and be worth a total amount of points from all assignments of that unit added together. The tests will be composed of several parts that test different levels of understanding and comprehension. A final exam for the trimester will be comprehensive (include everything studied thus far).

2. Homework

Throughout each unit, homework will be assigned and usually discussed in class. Each homework assignment will be graded on a 10 point scale at the beginning of class. It is your responsibility to find out what assignments you missed and complete them. **If you do not do the homework this class will be extremely hard.**

3. Laboratory work

When a lab is performed, the write-up is due two days after the lab and worth 20 to 50 points each. Even though lab work is usually done in groups, lab write-ups are to be written independently. If you miss a lab, then you must come see me to set up a time to make the lab up. **Lab safety violations will result in a zero score at least, possible removal from the class.**

4. Notebooks

Each student will be required to have a notebook for this physical science class. The notebook will contain a table of contents of the semester work. It should also include all foldables, notes, and previous assignments (when asked). It must be organized and there should be no loose papers falling out of the binder. Notebooks will be checked and graded on Fridays.

5. **Extra Credit:** Extra credit is not offered in this class. ONLY FOR EXTRA BATHROOM PASSES.

Make-up Procedures and Late Work

1. Late Work:

- Students have two days from time of **excused** absence to get work in for credit if it was collected in class. After two days, work is considered late. If absence was not excused, **deductions will be made for all late work that is received.**
- It is the students' responsibility to request assignments for the missed day(s) and to turn in completed assignments on time. Extensions on assignments are given only in extreme cases. **THERE IS A 10% DEDUCTION FOR EACH DAY AN ASSIGNMENT IS LATE!**

2. Make-Up:

- Retakes will be offered for each assessment taken, giving students the chance to show proficiency or mastery of material covered. Students will need to complete an Assessment Retake Form PRIOR to retaking any assessments. If the retake form is not turned in student will NOT be allowed to retake the assessment, until the form is received..

Classroom Policies

Tardy Policy:	The tardy policy will be followed as outlined in the district handbook.
Behavior:	Courtesy towards <u>all</u> . This includes listening when others are speaking, whether it is your classmates or the teacher
Hall Pass:	You will receive a hall pass containing 5 passes every semester. You have the opportunity to turn in unused hall passes at the end of the semester for extra credit. Hall passes should be used for emergencies only. Once you are out you will not be able to leave.
Food/Drink:	No food and drink in the lab (this includes gum and candy).
Extra Help:	If you need extra help with anything involving science, please feel free to see me anytime I am not in class. I will arrange a time before school, after school, or at lunch time to work with you.
Cell Phones:	No Cell Phones are allowed in Mrs. Mumm's room!! IT IS A SCHOOL POLICY, MUSIC CAN BE PLAYED ON YOUR CHROMES WITH HEADPHONES, NOT ON YOUR PHONE.
Chrome Books:	Chrome books will not be allowed to be out during lecture time. If I am giving a lecture your chrome is closed and you are taking notes.

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Disciplinary Plan

Any disciplinary issues that arise will be dealt with according to the Crook County High School Handbook.

Students: In order to have a productive and educational year in science, you are required to read and sign-off on the following list of class rules. Please read the list carefully, and initial each line indicating that you have read and understand the rule and/or consequence. Also, you are required to sign and date the bottom of the form.

Parents/Guardians: Please read this form with your student, and ensure that he/she **understands** each item. When complete, sign and date in the space provided. This form will be kept on file as long as your child is in high school

READ THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAREFULLY.

1. I Have read the lab safety rules and will follow the lab "Safety Regulations" at all times while in the science class room. If I do not, I will have my lab privileges temporarily or permanently revoked. I understand that it will be virtually impossible to pass science without labs.
2. I have read the Syllabus and I know what to expect from Mrs. Mumm and what Mrs. Mumm expects from me during my time in science class.
3. I have read the tardy policy set forth by Mrs. Mumm and I understand the rules that the policy entails.
4. I am aware that I will be using computers often in science and I will follow the "acceptable use" policy at all times while on the computer.

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Please sign in the appropriate space below to indicate you have read and understand each item above. This contract will be presented to you and/or your parents/guardians as needed. If you would like a copy of this form, contact Mrs. Mumm at the High school. If you have any questions concerning this, please contact Mrs. Mumm via email. Jessica.mumm@crookcounty.k12.or.us

Student Name (PRINT)

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

As the parent I would also like you to email me with updates / concerns about my student.

My email is: _____

Course _____ Period _____