Physical Science Course Syllabus 2020-2021

**Hephzibah Middle School**

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Remind allows direct messages to the teacher.

**Course** **Instructors**

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**Course Content:**

Physical Science is designed as a survey course of chemistry and physics. This curriculum includes the structure of atoms, motion and forces, and the conservation of energy. The course also discusses the action/reaction principle and wave behaviors. Students investigate physical concepts through experience in laboratories and field work using inquiry.

**Course Expectations:**

* Students should walk in with a positive attitude to learn! We all are here to fulfill our designated roles.
* Students should arrive to class on-time and get situated (sharpen pencils) by the first 5 minutes of class.
* Students should be prepared each day (assignments, workbook, binder, paper, pencil, etc.).
* Students must bring their physical science workbook to class every day! No exceptions. Failure to bring your supplies will result a zero for your daily grade.
* Students must be respectful to the teacher, their peers, and any visitors in the classroom. Cursing is not acceptable, and students are expected to stay in their **own seats** with their hands and feet to themselves!
* Students are expected to put forth effort.
* Students must adhere to the school and county rules stated in the Richmond County hand book.

**Course Materials (see supply list handed out to students):**

* Loose leaf paper
* Highlighters
* headphones
* Pencils & erasers (sharpened/ready daily)
* Binder
* Calculator (If you’d like to bring your own calculator)

Students, please ensure that you bring the necessary materials daily. You will not be excused to retrieve items from other teachers’ classrooms. Failure to bring your school supplies will affect your daily class grades!

**Evaluation:**

*Course Work (broken down into the following subsections)*

* Tests (chapter tests) = 20%
* Quizzes = 15%

Homework = 10%

* Classwork = 40%
* Labs = 15%

**Grade Scale: 90-100 (A), 80-89 (B), 70-79(C) & 69 or less (F)**

Official progress reports are provided at 9-week intervals. Students and parents are encouraged to regularly check grades using Infinite Campus. Tutoring is available as needed. Please inform or contact me in advance to make arrangements for after school tutoring/make ups.

**Assignments:**

All assignments are expected to have the following information in order to receive full credit.

1. Your name

2. Subject and period

3. Date the assignment is submitted

4. The title of the assignment

5. All papers should be secured together (stapled)

**Lab Safety:** Failure to adhere to the lab safety rules will result in not being able to participate in lab and an alternate assignment will be given. If the alternate assignment is not completed students will receive a **zero which cannot be made up**. Any type of horseplay will not be tolerated. Students are expected to work within their own assigned groups.

**Grading Policy:**

It is the student’s and parent’s/guardian’s responsibility to make arrangements for make-up work. These arrangements should be made before or after school and should not disrupt the instructional period. ALL work is expected to be turned in on time. Assignments are due during the scheduled class period and must be turned in when requested by the teacher; failure to submit assignments when requested, will result in a late penalty.

* Homework: No late work accepted. Make-up work only accepted for excused absences within three days of return.
* Lab Make-up: Teacher selected topic that corresponds to the missed lab. Lab make-up assignment must be submitted within one week of your return to school.
* Projects: Due dates are given in advance; this is the last day the project will be accepted. Projects may be turned in early.
* Test Make-up: Will be scheduled after I receive an excused absence.
  + Students will be allowed to retest only after receiving 2 documented teacher-led tutorials.
  + Retests are done before or after school.
  + Students will only be able to use 3 passes to retest per semester (quizzes/tests). Parent must sign the original test grade acknowledging that they are aware of the grade.

**Academic Honesty**

**Students are expected to do their own work**. When a student is caught plagiarizing and/or cheating, the county’s disciplinary procedure will be followed AND a grade of zero percent will be given. (ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CHEATING AND THERE WILL NOT BE A MAKEUP FOR THE ASSIGNMENT!!!).

**Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT)**

**Students are allowed to use digital devices to aid in their learning process.** These devices are only to be used in the classroom **at the discretion of the teacher**. Any device being used for purposes that are not educational or beneficial to the learning process will be confiscated. Please follow the rules so that we can utilize digital resources/games.

Consequences for violation of this rule are:

*1st offense – student will receive a verbal warning with parent contact*

*2nd offense – student will receive a detention*

*3rd offense – student will receive a referral-ISS*

*4th offense – student will receive a referral-OSS*

***Note:  The instructor reserves the right to change any section of this course syllabus at any time during the semester to more adequately meet the needs, interest or abilities of the students.***

**I have read Mr. Williams physical science syllabus and fully understand the guidelines set forth in this course syllabus. I will also check Infinite Campus weekly to see my child’s grades. Please return this page once it is signed. (QUIZ GRADE)**

**Student Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Parent contact information (most current filled out by parent or guardian)**

**Preferred phone : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Best time to contact : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**