

8th Grade Science

Expectations/ Syllabus

Ms. Kalleres

Welcome back to Science with Ms. Kalleres! I am excited to continue working with this great group of kids! I challenge each student to improve upon their efforts made last year!

Learning new things can be challenging and a bit nerve-racking sometimes, it is always my goal to create and maintain a safe and welcoming classroom environment in which all students and teachers feel respected and are encouraged to take risks. My most important requirements are that you try your best and support one another in our learning community. My expectation is that you participate and have a positive outlook on your learning.

Teacher Information

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Class Requirements

1. Be There and Be Ready

- Respect your time and the time of others
- Come to class prepared and on time

2. Be Responsible

- Stay seated quietly until instructed to do otherwise
- Use appropriate language when in class

3. Be Respectful

- Respect the furniture, equipment, and materials in the science classroom and laboratory
- Be safe!

4. Follow all Mendive Middle School rules

- Refer to your agenda book for all school rules and policies

Consequences

1. Step 1 – Warning
2. Step 2 – One-on-one student conversation
3. Step 3 – Lunch Detention Conference (failure to appear = referral) with parent contact
4. Step 4 – Referral to Office

Materials

- A folder in your binder to hold all worksheets
- Laboratory Notebook *Provided*
- Pens/Pencils
- Glue sticks

Classwork

Assignments for Science will be a combination of hard copy and Forms (assignment completed online through Office 365) that will be accessed through our class website. All assignments and materials will be available on the website. Using a website helps with access not just for students but for parents/guardians as well.

Website: www.washoeschools.net/kitsune

Absences

When you are absent it is your responsibility to do the following things so that you don't fall behind.

- ✓ Check the **Class Website**: All assignments will be listed on the List of Assignments page on website. Also, the Calendar on the website will show what was covered on that day.
- ✓ Check the **Absent Box**: This box will be in the classroom and will have all hard copies of assignments.
- ✓ Talk to your **classmates**. Talk to your table group to get an explanation of assignments and classwork done last class.

- ✓ Talk to **me!** Once you have checked the website come see me and I will help explain what you missed.

Cell Phone/ Earbud/ Electronic Devices Policy

- 1) Electronic devices may be used for instructional purposes only and at teacher discretion. All phones must be put away before entering the classroom.
- 2) At no time may electronic devices be used to access anything other than instructional purposes unless directed by the teacher.

3) NO EARBUDS

Progressive Discipline Steps:

- 1) **First Offense:** Electronic device will be taken by the teacher and returned at the end of the period.
- 2) **Second Offense:** Electronic device will be taken by the teacher and returned at the end of the day.
- 3) **Third Offense:** Electronic device will be submitted to the office to be picked up by student at the end of the day. Noted in Behavior tab in Infinite Campus.
- 4) **Fourth Offense:** Electronic device submitted to office to be picked up by parent. Noted in Behavior tab in Infinite Campus.

Grading

Weighting

70% Classwork / Homework

30% Assessments

Scale

A (90-100%)

B (80-89%)

C (70-79%)

D (60-69%)

F (0-59%)

All Work

Do not throw anything away! Keep all returned work until the end of each quarter!

Late work

Assignments will be due on assigned due date. I will accept work for full credit for 2 weeks after the due date. Assignments turned in after that will have receive 50% of the grade earned.

Test Retakes / Test Corrections: There are NO test retakes. However, students may have the opportunity to do test corrections to regain 50% of points missed.

Cheating

Cheating will not be tolerated at any time. If a student is caught cheating, they will receive a ZERO for the assignment, and they will not be allowed to redo the assignment.

When turning in labs, students can work together to perform the experiment and collect data in class, but are expected to put the entire laboratory report in their own words.

