Class Expectations

- You are expected to attend class regularly and on time.
- You will maintain an Interactive Science Notebook. The ISN can be a spiral notebook or a binder. All handouts will be hole-punched for easy binder access. Handouts may be glued, stapled, or taped into the notebook. The majority of assignments, class work, and labs will be maintained in the notebook. The notebook is designed to improve overall comprehension of course content. This notebook must be brought to class every day.
- You will be responsible for any work missed. If you miss a lecture, notes, or any other assignment, it is your responsibility to ask a classmate for the missed work.
- **Students will be added to Microsoft Teams and Canvas.** Posts will be made daily which will include power point notes, handouts, and other important information.

Grading and Absentee Policies

- All assignments, class work, quizzes, and tests are graded with a specific point value. Overall grade in class is determined by dividing the total points received by the total points possible. The Volusia County grade scale will be used in determining your letter grade.
- **Formative Assessments include quizzes, worksheets, textbook problems, labs, and other daily assignments.**
- **Summative Assessments include unit tests and some labs.**
- All assignments are due on the scheduled date. I DO NOT accept late work.
- School absentee policy: One day for each day absent when an excuse note is presented to the teacher within two days of the students’ return. Students who do not present an excuse note are still entitled to the make-up work, but can be penalized. It is the students’ responsibility to get the work missed.
- To help students monitor their academic progress, grades will be posted and updated weekly on gradebook.

Labs

- Depending on the topic being covered, labs may be conducted. Unsafe behavior in the lab will not be tolerated in any way, as accidents can occur. If a student demonstrates any unsafe behavior, a zero will be given for that lab, and the student will lose lab privileges for the rest of the year. Alternative assignments will have to be completed. Also, if proper lab attire (closed toed shoes) is not worn on the day of labs, the student will not be able to attend lab and will have to complete an alternative assignment. **It is the basic responsibility of everyone in the lab to make lab safety an ongoing commitment.**
Testing

- Unit tests, which usually cover a single topic, will be given at the end of each section covered in class.
- If a student is absent on the day of a test or a quiz, that student will take that test or quiz the day he/she returns. The test or quiz may be taken during class, lunch, or before/after school.
- Retakes will be given for each test. Students will be given the opportunity to come in for tutoring/remediation before retaking a test. Retakes will be in the form of open-ended questions.
- Exceptions will be made for students who are absent for extended periods of time (more than one week).

**If you skip class on the day of a test or a quiz, you will automatically receive a 0 (zero) for that test or quiz and no make ups will be given**

**The same goes for cheating…If you are caught cheating on a quiz or test, you will automatically receive a 0 (zero) for that test or quiz and no make ups will be given**

Class Rules

- The following class rules should be followed at all times with no exceptions:
  - Be respectful
  - Follow all procedures and school policies
  - Be productive
  - Be prepared
  - Be on time to class
  - Be responsible for your actions
  - Stay in your seat unless given permission to get up
  - All electronics must be put away. A referral will be given after an initial warning.

Discipline Procedures

- In the unlikely event that class rules are broken, the following disciplinary consequences may be used:
  - Verbal warning
  - Parent contact
  - Lunch detention
  - Referral
Rewards System:

- Throughout the school year, rewards will be given for academic achievements. For example, a homework pass may be given out to the three highest test grades for a given unit.
- These rewards can be for academic reasons, leadership skills, an act of kindness, or an entire class may be given a reward for doing well on a laboratory experiment.
- Rewards are given at teacher discretion.

Bathroom Policy:

- As per school rules, no student may leave the classroom during the first and last 10 minutes of class.
- Failure to return to class or abuse of the restroom privilege will result in disciplinary action.

Materials Needed:

- Pencils
- Pens (only blue or black)
- Spiral Notebook or Binder
- Loose leaf paper
- Scientific Calculator
- Box of colored pencils and/or crayons
- Scissors

Major Units:

- Matter and Measurement
- Understanding the Atom
- The Periodic Table
- Ionic Bonding and Nomenclature
- Covalent Bonding and Nomenclature
- Chemical Composition
- Chemical Reactions
- Stoichiometry
- Energy Changes and Reaction Rates
- States of Matter
- Gas Laws
Methods of Assessment and Grading Scale:

*Summative – 60% (tests, formal lab write ups, some projects)*

*Formative – 40% (quizzes, bell work, class work, homework, some labs & projects)*

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*Please take the opportunity to review this syllabus with your parent(s) or guardian(s). You WILL be held accountable for the information.*