

I. Course Goals

A. Course Goals:

1. Develop positive attitudes towards science, including the confidence, creativity, enjoyment, and perseverance that come from achievement.
2. Explain that scientific inquiry includes evaluating results of scientific investigations, experiments, observations, theoretical and mathematical models, and explanations proposed by other scientists.
3. Explain that scientific knowledge is revised through a process of incorporating new evidence gained through on-going investigation and collaborative discussion.

II. Evaluation

A. Criteria for arriving at student grades:

1. Projects will be assigned throughout the year and are to be completed in addition to regularly assigned homework. Students will have at least 1 week to complete projects.
2. Labs will be completed in class. Make-up work can be given for missing a lab but it will not be for full credit.
3. Class work: Students will receive points if they participate in class.
4. Homework will be given periodically when they are not working on a project. Check my website for updated monthly calendars.

B. Explanation of Student Grades:

A = 90 - 100 B = 80 - 89 C = 70 - 79 D = 60 - 69 F = below 59

C. Grade reports will be issued as follows:

1. Grades will be uploaded weekly to the school website. (iicsn.org)
 - a. Please check your child's grades each Monday, so that there are no surprises when unsatisfactory progress reports come home.
2. Unsatisfactory progress reports will be given four times a year, midway through each nine week reporting period.
 - a. Students do have plenty of time after unsatisfactory progress reports go home to improve their grades.
3. Quarter grades will be given on a report card four times a year, at the end of each nine week reporting period.
4. Semester grades will be given twice during the year, at eighteen week intervals.

III. Course Activities

A. Tests and quizzes:

1. Tests will be given at the end of each chapter.
2. Quizzes may be given throughout the chapters.

B. Daily Class:

- Students will turn in any assignments that are due that day.
- Students will then take out science workbooks and begin reading and completing the section for the day.
- The class will then review section highlights.

C. Makeup Work:

After any absence, students will be given their work for the day(s) that they were absent. Students will need to check the monthly calendar to see which lesson they missed.

If the student is absent on the day of a test, the student will have 3 days to make up the test. All quizzes and tests must be made up during lunch or after school. It is the student's responsibility to let the teacher know on which day they will be making up the quiz or test.

D. Extra credit:

Extra credit is always available and will cover information studied in class.

IV. Class Rules and Expectations

A. Classroom Rule:

1. YOU ARE WELCOME TO DO ANYTHING AS LONG AS YOU ARE NOT DISTURBING YOUR LEARNING OR THE LEARNING OF OTHERS.

B. Expectations:

1. Show respect to others and the learning environment.
2. Raise your hand to speak or for permission to leave your seat.
3. Come to class on time, prepared, and ready to learn. (BRING YOUR OWN PENCIL AND WORKBOOK!!!!!!!)
4. All work must be completed in pencil.
5. DO NOT bring ANY electronic devices to campus; they will be confiscated per IICSN policy.
6. Eating, drinking, and/or chewing gum are NOT allowed in class.
7. I will NOT give passes for students to use the restroom during my class. Students have a passing period between each class and this is to be used to go to the restrooms or get a drink.

C. Academic Dishonesty

If students are found guilty of academic dishonesty (cheating/plagiarizing), the teacher shall collect the assignment, mark a zero for the work and notify the student's parent. A second offense of cheating or continued academic dishonesty will result in a notice of required parent conference at which time future consequences will be discussed.

V. Materials

1. The following materials will be needed each day in class:
 - ⊗ A pencil for taking notes.
 - ⊗ Completed homework or projects when due.

VI. Class Website

You will find my website by following the steps below:

1. Go to iicsn.org
2. Click on Staff
3. Click on 7th and 8th grade
4. Click on Ms. Rothstein

From this page, you will be able to do the following

- access your child's grade
- access the monthly calendar
- review a copy of the class syllabus
- view class notes
- view project requirements
- access a link to email me

Please sign this last page after reading and discussing the expectations for the class.

My signature below verifies that my child and I have read and discussed these expectations for science. We understand that parent participation is essential in the education process, and that the teacher, student, and parent working together can create the optimal learning situation.

Print Student Name (First and Last): Class (circle): 7A 7B 7C 8A 8B 8C

Student Signature:

Date:

Print Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Work Phone:

Best time to contact:

Email address:

****A workbook will be sent home from time to time. Please sign that you are aware that if your child destroys or loses the workbook, you must pay for the workbook before his/her final report card will be distributed.**

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date