

Welcome to 8th grade Science! The units we will cover this year will be Matter, Physics (Newton's Laws, energy, light and sound), and Astronomy. In this handout, I will explain how this class works. Consistency and organization are keys to success. **You must have your own colored pencils and glue sticks.**

Grading: My grading policy is simple: Total points earned divided by total points possible.

ABCDE's: there will be a quiz on the following:

"A": Arrival, Attendance, Absence

- QUIET arrival is expected (Arrive on time!)
- You must be seated before the bell rings. You might be marked tardy otherwise.
- Once seated, you must take out your planner, lab book, homework and sharpened pencil.
- Write down the "homework" section from the front board into your planner.
- The **first 20 minutes** of each class is when instruction or notes are given. Stay seated and focused.
- **ABSENCES - check my website when you are absent.** There are no make-up labs. You are responsible for any missed material when you return from being absent. Check my website and check in with me for notes/handouts/data. If you are absent on a test day you will be expected to take it the day you return. You may take a test once only. Homework that was assigned when you were present but due the day you were absent will be due the next block day. Late work will not receive more than 50% of the points possible.

"B": Behavior, Books(lab and SSR), Bathroom, Binder

- NO GUM!!! NO FOOD!! NO PERFUME ALLOWED!! ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED!!
- **Be** prepared every day with **your own colored pencils, glue sticks, binder, lab book, pencil**
- **Be** respectful in this classroom. **Behave.** There will be no running, pushing, bullying, throwing objects.
- You must bring your lab book and an SSR book every day.
- **Lab books:** you must have a **100 page college ruled composition/lab book** to class every day. No spiral notes books for this class. Your name must be clearly marked with a sharpie on the front cover. Do not lose your lab book, get it wet, or leave it at home. You must write in **PENCIL ONLY**. Lab books will contain all notes and most lab sheets - IN ORDER! Turn in lab book at end of year!
- **Science Binder:** Please have a science binder/folder, or a science section in a binder. Keep this organized too. It will contain all quizzes, and project handouts. There will be occasional binder checks. After these checks, you will empty your binder contents your room 18. **DO NOT EMPTY YOUR BINDER AT HOME! KEEP EVERYTHING!!**
- **Bathroom:** train your brain to use the bathroom before class/break/lunch- even if you don't need to.

"C": Communication/Check, Chairs, Classwork, Colored Pencils:

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- "Wheeling around" in **chairs** is not allowed in the classroom and will result in a **Science Detention**.
- Be careful when you stand up because the chair might roll back and move before you sit back down.
- Put all electronics and lab materials on the counter BEFORE MOVING furniture (When instructed).
- **Class work - turn in all class work at the front table (bin):** You must use your class time wisely.
- You must have your own set of **colored pencils** for your labs and notes
- **Check your Grades.** GRADES - check your grades online regularly. Any **missing work** will be "zeroed out" at the end of each grading period. **Once it is "zeroed out", you may no longer turn it in.**

"D" Departure, Detention, Deadlines:

- I will only **dismiss** the class when everyone is in their seats.
- No one can be seated for dismissal until all lab equipment is cleaned and returned appropriately. Dry up any area that is wet.
- All items on the floor under and around your seating area - whether it is YOURS OR NOT, must be cleaned before departure.
- Cheating or copying will result in a detention. You are not allowed to take pictures of someone else's assignments - this is considered cheating/copying and may result in a discipline contract.
- Science has its own closed detention system. Aeries will also record theses detentions.
- Only science teachers administer science detention slips. Detention: 11:50 - 12:10 on Fridays.
- You must arrive on time and give the pink slip to the teacher who is doing detention that Friday.
- **Detention** will be in room 16, 17, 18, 19, or 20. The slip will tell you which room will hold detention.
- 1st offense=warning & lunch detention, 2nd= email/call home & lunch detention, 3rd= Office Referral
- If you become a "frequent flyer" in the detention system, harsher consequences will follow.
- **Deadlines:** you are not allowed to turn in work after deadlines. Deadlines will be posted in the class and on my website.

"E": Electronics; extra credit, etc

- **Do not take out your iPad until instructed to do so.** Not following this rule, might lead to a detention, or confiscation of your iPad.
- CELL PHONES are NOT allowed. They must be turned off and remain in your backpack.
- Please follow instruction with all digital devices. Stay on task. No taking pictures/videos unless directed to do so. **Your iPad must be charged for school (science detention).**
- Apps are to be used when instructed - do not "play" games on iPads.
- Extra Credit: it is rarely given

DONATIONS: We need your help to make this year an exciting one in science!

For students to fully benefit from a science class we create hands-on labs and projects. Unfortunately projects are expensive and there is not enough money in our budget to cover purchasing consumable supplies for a large number and variety of activities. We are requesting a **voluntary tax deductible donation of \$10.00** from each student to cover costs. **This money will directly be used to buy materials for our students.**

Please circle your form or donation is: cash check (make payable to KJHS)

Please return your donation in an envelope marked with the student's name.

THANK YOU😊

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:

Bring this form signed by your parent. 10 points (check the boxes!)

- ☐ I have read this with my child and we understand it.
- ☐ I am aware of the daily materials that I need to bring to my science class. (labbook/coloredpencils/gluesticks)
- ☐ I know that Ms Toal's email is **itoal@petk12.org**
- ☐ I know Ms Toal's website is <http://www.mstoal.com>
- ☐ I have included a donation towards my child's science class.

Parent : Date and sign here_____