**Science Guidelines**

**Ms. Phipps 2014-15**

**SUPPLIES FOR EACH SEMESTER**:

1 spiral notebook (minimum 70 pages), black or blue pen, red pen for grading, ruler, colored pencils, #2 pencils, glue sticks, bottled glue or tape, scissors, markers, ear buds

**BEHAVIOR AND CLASSROOM ROUTINE: Please refer to the** [**Young Behavior Matrix.docx**](file:///\\young-fs01\home\sphipps\BOY%20Forms\Young%20Behavior%20Matrix.docx)

* **Be Ready to Learn**
  + Be prepared - Bring your own materials, including your science notebook, to class every day
  + Be on time
  + Have your ID on and visible
  + Follow instructions the first time they are given.
* **Be Respectful**
* Use school appropriate language
* Sit appropriately
* No gum/candy/food in class
* Keep hands feet and objects to self
* Treat equipment and materials carefully
* **Be Responsible**
  + Be on task
  + Clean up after yourself
  + Complete assignments
* Follow all Flinn Lab Safety Rules during lab time.
* Wait to be dismissed by the teacher, not the bell.

**GRADES**

The best way to make the highest grade you can is to start the first day of each grading period with your BEST effort. The minimum passing grade is 70. Therefore, consistently keeping up with your homework and Interactive notebook is necessary in order to pass my class. Even a few zeros can ruin a good grade record! All grades will be numerical. Six weeks grades will be derived from the following averages:

**QUIZZES – 60% DAILY / LAB-40 %**

**REMEDIATION**

* Should you score below a 70 on a major quiz, you will be allowed to retake the quiz.
* **If you pass the re-quiz, your grade will be changed to a 70.**
* This re-quiz must be done before the next quiz, usually the following Friday.

**LATE WORK, MISSING WORK AND MAKEUPS**

All assignments will be completed and turned in at the time due. Late work due to absence should be completed immediately as it is important to your developing knowledge on the topic. Any assignments due the day of the absence will be due on the student’s return. Any scheduled quiz will be taken on the student’s return. Some assignments may require the student attend before or after school tutorials to make up.

Any student with a missing assignment will be required to complete a **“Missing Assignment Slip”** to document the missing work and their reason it was not completed. “I did not understand it” is not an acceptable reason. If you have trouble with an assignment you need speak to me personally or contact me via email. I am at school by 8:15am daily and usually stay until 4:15. If a missing, late, or makeup assignment is not completed by the close of the current grading period (progress report or six weeks report) the grade will be recorded as a zero.

**ONLINE TEXTBOOKS**

Online access to the 8th grade textbook will be provided in the first weeks of school. Use this as needed throughout the school year and as a reference to enhance your understanding of the subject material. Most of our assignments are done in our science notebooks and online. The science department uses interactive notebooks (spiral) as a way to record daily assignments and as a place to store their labs and quizzes. Students are expected to maintain their notebook and bring it to class daily. This notebook will be their study guide for their semester exam in science.

**Citizenship grade**

* Your grade will be based on attitude, behavior (# of demerits received in my class), and responsibility.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

i am excited about exploring science with you and your child this year. If questions or concerns arise, the fastest way to reach me is by email at [**sphipps@aisd.net**](mailto:sphipps@aisd.net). I will email or call you back as soon as I can. To get to my page, click on Faculty and then my name: Stephanie Phipps. This webpage will have our weekly lesson plan and other helpful information posted on it. Finally, I post grades at least once a week which can be observed in the **Parent Self Serve** section of the AISD website.

Good luck and let’s have a fantastic year!

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