

# Honors Physical Science

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## Introduction:

Honors physical science will be a wild ride through the realm of physics and chemistry. Along the way you'll do labs, work on computers, give reports and experiment with weird substances (in a very safe manner!) One semester will focus on chemistry and how our world is made up. The other semester will show how our world works and some of the rules that nature has to follow through physics. Upon successful completion of this course, you will fulfill a piece of your science course requirements for graduation from Columbia High School.

Even though this class is about science, we will be working on much more than just science. School is designed to prepare you for your careers and lives outside of its walls. We will be discussing goal setting and note taking techniques as well as time and information organization. There are requirements set in this class that might seem constrictive to some, but they are all skills that will help you in the future.

## Essential Facts Binder

This year you will be creating an essential facts binder that will have everything in it that you will need to be able to be successful in Physical Science. There is a direct correlation between those that do well on their binder and how well they do in class. Historically, those students that do not put effort into their binders do not pass this class. Your binder is a requirement for this class and those students that do not create their binders and turn them in for a grade will receive an incomplete in this class.

## Required Materials:

- $\frac{1}{2}$ " 3-Ring Binder
- 5-3 hole dividers to separate the units in your Academic Notebook.
- Loose Leaf Notebook Paper-no papers accepted ripped out of spiral notebook
- Pencil and Pen
- Scientific Calculator-calculators will NOT be provided for you!

\*\*\*Not having your essential materials ready means that you are tardy\*\*\*

## Classroom Rules

1. I feel very strongly that your time in class is one of your most precious resources and needs to be used wisely. With experience, I have found that electronic devices not being used directly for lessons or projects have no direct value to them whatsoever in the classroom. As such there will be **No Electronic Devices** allowed in my classroom. There will be no warning and strict consequences will follow if they are found.
2. Follow Directions
3. Be in your Seat when the Tardy Bell Rings
4. No Put Downs or Name Calling
5. No Swearing
6. Bring Pen, Pencil, Notebook, (Textbook) Everyday
7. No Whining!!!

\*\*\*If you choose not to follow the class rules, you can expect the following\*\*\*

1. Warning
2. 30 seconds after class
3. 1 minute after class
4. Parent contact
5. Buddy Room
6. Send to Dean

### Class Assignment/Homework Policy

- All assignments should be completed on time
- Graded assignments turned in late will have graded at  $\frac{1}{2}$  the original amount of points and will only be accepted 1 week after the unit test that the assignment regards
- If you are absent, **it is your responsibility** to make up all assignments including labs

### Absences/Make-up Work

In the event you miss class, you can complete the following:

- Collect all handouts you missed from the teacher and make sure you know when the assignments are due
- The class website will have the previous day's assignment with worksheets attached
- If you have questions requiring detailed explanation, first ask a classmate. If you still have questions, ask the teacher at the appropriate time
- Make-up work is to be done outside of class in order to understand the current material. Assignments made up in class will be graded as zero
- Tests and missed labs will be needed to be taken within a week of absence

### Late Work

- Assignments must be turned in on time to receive full credit
- Until an assignment is turned in, you will receive a "Missing" and a grade of "0" recorded in PowerSchool. Once the work is handed in, your grade will be adjusted accordingly
- In the event of an extended absence or a special circumstance, please set aside a time to speak with me individually so we can discuss an appropriate course of action

### Grading

Grading for each semester will be based approximately upon the following points schedule.

	#	Points each	Total Points for Semester	% of Grade
Quizzes	12	10	120	13%
Tests	4	100	400	43%
Homework	???	???	???	???
Binder Checks	4	50	200	22%
Final	1	200	200	22%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*\*\*It is essential to keep track of every graded assignment in case a question arises regarding your grade for a particular assignment. Much of this work will also be helpful to you when you are studying for the final exam!\*\*\*

### Disclaimers

I reserve the right to change the class rules, schedule and grading depending on class progress. If changes are required, I will notify you in class and post them on the class website.

This is going to be a great and fun year. I am very excited to be working with and getting to know you. My door is always open for you, so drop by during my prep hours or before or after class if you need to see me about anything.