



****Challenging Opportunities Lead Toward Success****

Hardworking

Responsible

Innovative

Accepting

Respectful

Scholarly

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COURSE STRUCTURE: This is a high school preparatory online science course consisting of the study of physical science. The course consists of multiple activities contained within the district adopted science curriculum called *STEMScopes*. These learning activities consist of grade level readings, annotating science text, answering text based leveled questions, reviewing vocabulary flashcards, content review games, viewing various videos, exploring Phet/Gizmo simulations, and taking curriculum embedded assessments.

CURRICULUM MATERIALS:

- 1) Textbook: Physical Science | STEMscopes
- 2) Access to Google Classroom (through the EGUSD student portal) - for class announcements and list of assignments
- 3) Access to STEMScopes (through the EGUSD student portal) - all the learning activities listed in the "Course Structure" will be assigned in STEMScopes.

UNITS OF STUDY:

- 1) **Matter and Its Interaction**
- 2) Force and Motion
- 3) Energy and Energy Transfer
- 4) Waves and Their Applications

MATERIALS:

- 1) STEMScopes Notebook (provided by the school)
- 2) Binder paper and writing materials (pen or pencil)
- 3) Ruler (with metric units), Highlighters, Colored Pencils
- 4) Folder with fasteners
- 5) Agenda (provided by EHMS)
- 6) Chromebook and Internet Access - students will need access to Google Classroom, STEMScopes, and other online digital learning sources.

MOVIES: The following movies, which have been approved by EGUSD, may be shown sometime over the course of the year: The Sorcerer's Apprentice, Hidden Figures, Journey to the Center of the Earth, Apollo 13, The Martian, Contact, October Sky, Radioactive, and Apollo 13.

ATTENDANCE POLICY/TARDY POLICY**:

The school wide attendance policy will be enforced.

MAKE-UP POLICY and LATE WORK**:

The school-wide make up policy will be followed. Failure to complete work within the school wide time period will result in a zero grade. Make-up tests/labs need to be arranged with the classroom teacher.

MAKE-UP WORK: Make-up work is only for students who are absent from class. Students have one day for each day of **excused absence** to make up work. If a student misses an activity, lab, quiz or test, they must meet with the teacher during lunch or afterschool to make up the work. Students may copy lecture notes from another student, but **NOT** activities, labs, or other work done by the individual. Failure to come in or make arrangements with the classroom teacher within two days of your return will result in the forfeiture of the chance to make up the work.

LATE WORK: If your work isn't submitted by the time specified by your teacher, your assignment will be marked late. Starting Monday, 8/26/24, the late work penalty is 25% of their earned grade. Late work will be graded when the teacher has time. On-time assignments have priority. **NOTE: No late work will be accepted the last week of the term.**

The last day to turn in **late work** from the prior week is ...

- Friday at the end of class for paper assignments
- Sunday at 5 pm for online assignments.

You must email your teacher to let them know that you turned in late work.

Monday is the start of a new week and no assignments from the prior week will be accepted. The "Turn In" feature in Google Classroom is to help you organize yourself -- it does not inform the teacher that you submitted the work. We will not look for late work unless we receive an email from you. We will not grade anything from the prior week that is turned in after 5 pm on Sunday.

SYNERGY GRADE UPDATES: Grades will be updated on Synergy on a weekly basis.

- It is your responsibility to check Synergy to ensure accuracy and identify missing assignments.
- If you find a mistake in Synergy, please let the teacher know via email. Be specific - include the assignment title/number in your email.
- If you see a zero or see a blank, it means that the assignment is missing. If that's the case, you must complete and submit the late work by Sunday at 5 pm. Failure to do so will result in a permanent zero for that missing assignment.
- Late work does not get updated immediately. Late work will be updated at the teacher's convenience.

Homework:** Homework is work completed beyond the regular school day. It is assigned every class period and is an essential component of the learning process. **Daily note review is a must.**



CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS: The students and the teacher are responsible to maintain a learning environment in the classroom at all times. We will do so by adhering to the principles of the Student Creed and complying with the following Science Department **R.I.C.H.** rules.

R (Be Responsible): Be prepared with materials and an active mind. Follow directions and lab rules.

I (Have Integrity): Do what is right (not what may be easy, convenient, or popular).

C (Be Considerate): Participate positively and allow others to learn without distraction and disruption.

H (Be Hardworking): Use class time productively: Make every minute count. Give your best effort.

GRADING/CITIZENSHIP: Students are expected to turn in all assignments, to complete all their homework, and to participate in class discussions and activities. Letter grades are based on the total number of points from tests, labs, homework, in class assignments and extra credit.

Class participation and citizenship will be considered in borderline cases. The following point scale is used:

93-100 %	A	78-79 %	C+	60-62 %	D-
90-92 %	A-	73-77 %	C	Below 60 %	F
88-89 %	B+	70-72 %	C-		
83-87 %	B	68-69 %	D+		
80-82 %	B-	63-67 %	D		

Citizenship grades are O (Outstanding), S (Satisfactory) and U (Unsatisfactory) based on compliance with the Student Creed. ** Grades may be viewed through [Synergy](#).

GRADE WEIGHING: Grades will be determined according to the scale and weights shown below.

Assignments.....30% Assessments35% Classwork/Participation35%

LABORATORY WORK: To participate in labs or activities, students must turn in a signed Lab Safety Agreement and must take and pass a safety quiz with a score of 80% or better.

PROPER HEADING ON ASSIGNMENT: Each assignment turned in must have the proper heading. Please see the sample on the right. Papers without the proper heading will **not** be graded. Papers with no name will be recycled.

RED PEN AND PENCIL: Red pens and pencils are for correcting only. Work done in red will **not** be graded. Check with your teacher about appropriate pen colors for classwork.

The instructor has the right to make changes to these classroom policies in order to offer individualized and/or whole class support.

PARENT SUPPORT: Parents can best help their child succeed in school by providing a quiet place and time for them to complete homework. Setting aside a specific time and place for students to work not only allows students to concentrate, but also maintains good study/work habits that can be used throughout life.

** Specifics can be found in the Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School Agenda**

Electronic signature on Google Form in Google Classroom.

Please log on to Google Classroom to complete Assignment #1 (Science 8 Syllabus)