

Course Outline for Physical Science

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Course Objectives

- To introduce fundamental concepts of science.
- To help students become independent, proactive learners.
- To help students develop tools needed to be successful students in the classroom and beyond.

Student Materials:

Each student needs to have the following materials and bring them to class **every day**:

Chromebook and Charger Binder Pencil or Pen
Paper
Calculator (If possible)

Course Expectations

#BE KIND <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to your teacher• Be courteous to others. Use positive language• No profanity• Give others your focus and attention. No phones/electronic devices without permission	#BE RESPONSIBLE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Come to class with materials and finished homework• Follow instructions• Ask for help when needed• All expectations found in the student handbook will be followed and enforced• Be in class and ready to work when the bell rings• Get help when needed• Do your best• Strive to stay on task and kindly accept redirection
#BE SAFE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use materials appropriately and safely• Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself• Report a problem to the teacher• No food or drink (except water bottles) during class	

Behavior Management Policy

Students are expected to follow all class expectations and school procedures. Failure to do so will result in possible consequences including verbal warnings, student conferences, removal from class, loss of credit, confiscation of distractors, parental notification, after school detention or disciplinary referral.

Lab Safety:

This course will include a laboratory component, to extend your learning. The primary concern in the laboratory is your safety and the safety of those around you. Students who fail to conduct themselves in a safe manner will not be allowed to participate in or receive credit for lab activities.

Phone Policy:

As outlined in the student handbook, students will not be allowed to access their phones during class. There will be a secured location for all students to put their phones during class. Failure to follow the cell phone policy will result in consequences as outlined by the administration.

Grading:

Your term grade will be made up of:

10% - Daily work: This will consist of assignments and activities completed at school and/or at home

30% - Lab Work: This will consist of lab type activities completed at school

60% - Summative Assessments: This will include tests, unit projects, or any other equivalent assessment activity

Ralston High School Grading

Scale:

A = 90% - 100%

B = 80% - 89%

C = 70% - 79%

D = 60% - 69%

F = 0% - 59%

- Any student who earns a failing grade on a summative assessment will be expected to complete any uncompleted work before the option to retake is offered.
- Students may retake each summative assessment per term for full credit.
- Students will be expected to explain correct answers using concepts from the unit in order to receive credit.

Academic Integrity

Plagiarizing means “using another’s production without crediting the source,” or “passing off the ideas or words of another as one’s own” (www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/plagiarize). Any student found guilty of academic dishonesty will receive a zero on the assignment/assessment, and parental contact will be made.

Progress Reports:

- Grades will be continuously updated on R-kids
- If you need assistance or are having problems with this class or any other issue, please come talk to me. I am usually available before or after school. ***Please let me know in advance so I can be sure to meet you.***
DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK QUESTIONS DURING CLASS OR GET EXTRA HELP OUT OF CLASS!

Attendance Policy

1. Attendance is crucial to your success in science. See your student handbook for details on Absences/Tardies
2. When you are absent or tardy, it is your responsibility to get assignments and lecture notes. Most of this can be found on Google Classroom.
3. Students will have 2 days to complete missed work for every day they are absent. (Make up tests and quizzes may be different than the original one given on the scheduled day.)
4. We will work with students with extended absences on a case by case basis.