

Physical Science Syllabus

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Course Overview

This laboratory science course consists of one semester of introductory level Chemistry and one semester of introductory Physics. Students will utilize the scientific method and metric measurements in all units. Emphasis is placed on inquiry-style learning and development of skills such as observing, data analyzing, defending conclusions, and problem solving.

Course Materials

- Calculator: You will need to bring it with you every day of class!
- Pencil: You will be writing something in class every day.
- <u>Color pens & Highlighter</u>: Please have a red, blue, black, and green pen and a highlighter to organize your Cornell notes.
- <u>Unit book</u>: A unit book will be provided for all units. Bring to class everyday.

Class Notes

Students who are successful in this class are usually those who maintain good classroom notes. As nearly all tests and quizzes are written directly from material covered in class, it will be well worth your time to keep your unit notebook accurate and up to date.

Assignments

¹³⁷ Late work will be accepted, but you're not going to like your score if you do!

- All work must be turned in on the date due, at the start of class...
- Only 75% credit after the first day and <u>no late work accepted after 1</u> <u>week.</u>
- 75% is still better than nothing, get it done and turned in!

Tests, Quizzes, and Projects

<u>Quizzes</u>

There will be one or more short quizzes nearly every week covering recent material and essential skills, with most being open-note quizzes.

Tests

Tests will be given at the end of every unit, sometimes you will be allowed notes, sometimes not. Laboratory practical tests may be given in addition to written tests.

Projects

There will be either lab based projects, or group activity projects during some units. These will require your attendance to complete.



Make-up Work (excused absences only)

As per THS policy, you will have the same number of days absent <u>plus two</u> to make-up any missed assignment. However, it will be <u>your</u> responsibility to find out what you have missed and what is required to get caught-up.

Missed Labs / Open Lab

Making up missed labs should be arranged with your teacher upon the day you return to school.

Missed Tests or Quizzes

If you are absent on the day of a test or quiz you need to take it upon yourself to come in and **get it done** within 1 week. Remember a low amount of points is still better than 0 points. For prearranged absences, the test or quiz should be taken <u>before</u> the day of your absence.

Consequences for Cheating

Students who copy work from another student will receive a zero on the assignment, a call home, and an administrative referral if it persists. Additionally, **students who allow their work to be copied will also** receive a zero.

Grades

Grades are weighted:

60% Tests, Quizzes, and Lab-Based Assessments 40% All other coursework (unit books and project)

Attendance Policies

Absences 😕

All absences must be reported by a parent or guardian calling our school attendance line at 503-431-5430 within 24 hours of an absent. According to THS policy, if a student returns without this being done, he or she will receive detention. (Please note that Tigard High does not accept written notes to excuse an absence or tardy.)

Tardies 😕

Students who are not ready to start work at the start of class will be marked tardy. This includes not being in your seat, wearing improper shoes on a lab day, or anything else that requires class time to correct.

Tardy Policy:

Ist & 2nd tardy: Verbal warning and an angry scowl

◊3rd & 4th tardy: Administration notified

Zero Tolerance for Electronic Devices



Cell phones, music players, etc. <u>must be turned off and placed in the phone</u> caddy when the bell rings. All such devices will be confiscated if they are not in the caddy. Some days you get to use them, follow the sign in the classroom!

Classroom Policies and Expectations

- 1.) Everyone is to be treated with respect.
- 2.) No food and drinks are allowed (except water)!
- 3.) All work done must be for this class only.
- 4.) Work areas must always be left clean and neat, including lab equipment.
- 5.) All lab safety rules must be followed!