

Welcome to Physical Science

Greetings scientists! In this course you will actively investigate, apply, make connections to the world around you and work in cooperative learning groups. This will require you to write, inquire, engineer, read and collaborate. I have high expectations for each of you and encourage you to participate and be responsible for the class requirements. We will follow the 8th Grade Science Content Standards, Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards. My goal is to make Physical Science fun while further stimulating your interest in science.

Materials Online: STEMscopes Textbook: [Focus on Physical Science](#)

Science Binder: I suggest students maintain a single subject three ring binder, minimum 1 inch wide exclusively of science throughout the semester. It should be up to date, organized and in class every day and checked throughout the semester for points toward your grade.

Grading

A= 90% and above; B= 80%-89%; C= 70%-79%; D= 60%-69%; F=Below 59%

Letter grades are points based (not weighted) and will include:

Tests/Quizzes (~20%), Warm Ups/Labs/Projects/Binders (~70%), Homework (~10%)

*Any plagiarism or cheating will result in a zero on the assignments above and a referral *

Classroom Expectations/ Rules

Participate Safely and Come Prepared to Learn

Respect Yourself, Everybody, and Everything

Nothing Flies and No Eating

Consequences (I reserve the right to use these consequences in the order I feel appropriate for the behavior)

1. Warning
2. Teacher student conference
3. Contact Home
4. Detention
5. Referral to office

Make Up Policy for Absences

Tests and Quizzes can only be made up one week after an excused absence. Tests will be given at the end of each unit, typically every 6-8 weeks. **Make ups** are not accepted after the **one-week deadline**. After a week it becomes a zero.

Homework: If students are absent on the day homework is assigned, then it is *the student's responsibility* to look on website or contact a friend to get the assignment. Late homework assignments are not accepted.

Lab/ Classwork: All missed work must be completed within a week. Look on website to see what lab we did on the day you were absent. Complete a "**Make Up Lab**" using the template on my website. After a week it becomes a zero.

My Website will help you stay up to date with the class. If you are absent, check the website. It is updated daily but only use it as a backup for your Agenda, where you will write your homework for class each day.

Communications

Telephone: 858-509-1000 ext. 4619

E-mail: shaun.saville@sduhsd.net (best way to reach me)

Parents: If you would like to meet with me, please schedule an appointment through the office and my email (shaun.saville@sduhsd.net). To ensure we make the most of our time together, please make an appointment before coming in as I cannot guarantee my time without one. Questions can also be answered through my website, where you will find when assignments are due as well as a link to your son or daughter's current grade.

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Students: I have read the class syllabus and understand it. I will honor it in room B-119

Signature _____ date _____

Parents: My child has discussed the class syllabus with me. I understand and will support it.

Signature _____ date _____

Teacher: I will be fair and consistent in conducting the course according to the syllabus in B-119

Signature _____ date _____

