

Eighth Grade Track 2 Science  
Class Information  
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**Welcome to 8/2 Science!** The Falcons Team is looking forward to an exciting and productive school year. In Science, not only will it be exciting and productive, but it will also be challenging. Eighth grade science is designed to provide you with experiences in the scientific method, the hydrosphere, matter, diseases, biotechnology, natural resources, evolution of land and lifeforms, energy, and ecosystems. I strongly believe that every student can learn and excel at science and can experience success in school.

Below are classroom rules, procedures, and policies that will help you be successful in my classroom. We will discuss these rules, procedures, and policies in class. If, at any time, you have a question regarding any of the information below, please come see me.

#### **RULES**

##### **Ms. Case's Classroom Rules**

- Follow directions
- Be on time and in your seat when class starts
- No food, gum, or drinks (except for clear water bottles that have a cap)
- Treat others with courtesy and respect
- Always raise your hand to speak or ask a question

#### **PROCEDURES**

##### ***Before Class***

- Go to the restroom
- Go to your locker (at approved times only)
- Sharpen pencils
- Sit in assigned seat
- Start on Science Thought (warm-up)

##### ***End of Class***

- Wait for dismissal by teacher
- Push chair in fully
- Throw out or recycle your trash

***The following information will help you as you organize for this school year.***

**Please make sure you have the following materials:**

1. 5 subject spiral notebook with a plastic cover
2. 2 pocket folder to hold returned papers
3. Writing utensils: black and/or blue ink pens, #2 pencils, highlighters, colored pencils
4. Agenda: your agenda is VERY important. This will be used to write down assignments, project due dates, and Majors/Minors dates.

You are expected to bring these materials with you to class EVERY DAY. Additionally, at the start of every unit you will be required to look up and define a number of relevant vocabulary words. You will be required to put the words and their definitions on index cards. These cards will be checked for completeness and will serve as an important study tool.

## Policies/Requirements

- 1. Homework policy:** You are responsible for reviewing your notes every school night. Written homework is occasionally given 1-2 times a week and is due the following school day, unless otherwise noted. It provides independent practice of a concept that has already been covered or it introduces prerequisite information that will be used in the next day's lesson. Not completing homework on time will severely hinder your understanding and your grade in this class. Please make sure all of your assignments are written in your agenda at the beginning of class. Homework assignments are posted on the front board. If there is an emergency please come to me before the assignment is due.
- 2. Science Thoughts:** Each day as you enter class there will be a question or prompt on the board. You are to respond to this question in your spiral notebook. The questions will allow you to express your thoughts and ideas on a particular science concept as well as serve as a study guide for future tests and quizzes. All entries are to be dated and should have a thorough and thoughtful answer.
- 3. Majors & Minors:** In general, you will be notified of a Major or Minor 1 week in advance. You can expect a Major at the end of each chapter with Minors scattered throughout the entire unit.
- 4. Science Labs:** Lab activities are a privilege and many are scheduled for this year. Most will be done with a partner or group. You and your group are expected to stay in your assigned area and keep that area clean and safe. Failure to comply with the rules of the lab will result in your immediate expulsion from the class.
- 5. Safety:** Your PHMS Science Safety Contract has been sent to me from your sixth grade Science teacher. We will read and go over the safety rules before performing any lab activities. If you do not have a contract on file, please ask me for one, take it home, and return to me signed by you and your parents/guardian. Without a contract you will NOT be permitted to participate in lab activities.
- 6. Restroom Privileges:** It is assumed that you will use the time **between classes** to use the restroom and take care of personal business. However, everyone has emergencies from time to time. In case of an emergency you will give me your Boarding Pass and 1 signature box will be completed. You have a max of 10 passes per quarter. This is 10 total for ALL core classes.
- 7. Absences:** If you are absent, it is **YOUR** responsibility to check with your Science Buddy and the daily folders for missed assignments, notes, handouts, etc. If a written assignment is due, you have 2 days for every 1 day you are absent to hand in the work. If you miss a lab, quiz, test, or other type of assignment that cannot be completed on your own, see me during Flight School or during homeroom. If work was due the day you were absent, it is due the day you return to school. Make-up work not turned in on time will be considered late and there will be a deduction of points.
- 8. Tardies:** You are expected to be **ON TIME and IN YOUR SEAT** with the necessary materials for class by the scheduled start of class.

Please feel free to contact me anytime via email at [ncase@wcpss.net](mailto:ncase@wcpss.net) and check the Falcon's website and my Google Classroom site. I encourage you to check these often as they have information regarding Science Class, homework, upcoming Major and Minors, projects, etc.