

8th Grade Science Syllabus

Teacher: Mr. Bates

Text: Life Science

Course description: 8th Grade science is a course in Life Science. Topics that will be covered this year include: Scientific Methods, Cells, Function of Cells, Heredity, Genes and DNA, The Evolution of Living Things, Ecology and Classification. The curriculum of this class is governed by the Idaho State Board of Education Achievement Standards. These standards may be found at

http://www.corestandards.org/assets/CCSSI_ELA%20Standards.pdf

Materials:

1. Binder with a section for Science with loose leaf paper or tablet.
2. Pencil
3. Textbook (provided)
4. Student planner (provided)

Grading: Homework, quizzes, projects and other assignments will be worth approximately 30% of the students' grade. Homework will normally be given 2-3 times a week. 20% of a students' grade will be for attitude and participation. Tests will be about 50% of the students' grade.

Grading Scale:

A 94-100%	C 73-76%
A- 90-93%	C- 70-72%
B+ 87-89%	D+ 67-69%
B 83-86%	D 63-66%
B- 80-82%	D- 60-62%
C+ 77-79%	F 59 and below

Rules:

1. Behave in a way that will improve the learning environment for all students.
2. Respect others and their property.
3. Participate with the class.

Progress Reports: Parents may access students grades at any time through Infinite Campus. Parents will still be able to get progress reports if they need them. Grades will be updated each Thursday.

I will do all I can to help your child succeed in Science. Please feel free to contact me at: 208 228-5925 ext.305 (school) or 208 399-2158 (cell). My e-mail address is gbates@d401.k12.id.us. **The 8th grade web site is tmsgrade8.weebly.com.**

Handouts, study guides, and other helpful information can be found at this site.

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