

Mrs. Kathryn Sharon
Science Handbook
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The Details:

- Welcome to Pathfinder Science for 8th grade students! This class meets in a block format. Class will be on Mon/Wed/Fri or Tue/Thur/Fri and alternate with math. There are no whole class out of classroom breaks during our blocks.
- I share my students with Mrs. Deb Regal-Coller for Math 8. Since Science 8 is heavily math based, this allows for the opportunity to coordinate the introduction of concepts in math and science in order for students to have the maximum learning benefit at an appropriate level of rigor.
- Students are expected to come on time and prepared to class with a sharpened pencil, binder, science notebook, homework, and laptop. If a student arrives to class unprepared it will count as a tardy. If you are not in your assigned seat when class begins you will be counted as tardy.
- Agendas will posted weekly, but are subject to change. The agendas are estimated plans for what we will be doing in class. Due dates, assignment specifications and collection dates may be modified at any time at the discretions of the teacher. Changes will be announced by the teacher and/or written on the board in the classroom. It is the student's responsibility to be alert to these notices. Agendas may be found on my website:
<http://sharonsuperscience.weebly.com/>
- Students will not be issued a textbook in science. Our interactive science notebook will be our main resource for class. When we do need the textbook,

students will be given ample class time to complete the assignment in class. If a student still feels they need the textbook as a resource, they may check them out for the night.

- Students must attempt every question on each assignment, have work shown and make corrections (if revising) in order to earn credit for their work. If any problem is left blank or is missing appropriate work, the assignment will be considered incomplete.
- Students may contact me via e-mail with questions. I will make every effort to check my e-mail each evening at 8pm. If a student has not e-mailed me by then, I will not respond until the next day.
- Each student will be allowed three exit passes per class per marking period.
- Per Pathfinder School Policy, no extra credit will be given.
- Cheating: Under no circumstances is cheating permitted. Cheating can be defined as sharing homework or class work, copying answers from another student or websites, plagiarism, turning in another person's work as your own, etc. If caught, all people involved will receive SEVERE consequences.

Classroom Expectations:

Respect-Students should demonstrate respect for themselves and others at all times. Ways to demonstrate respect include but are not limited to:

- Being on time for class
- Not interrupting others-both staff and fellow students
- Following the requests of adults the first time given
- Using time wisely-class work time is for work completion
- Not handling property of others without permission

Responsibility-Students should demonstrate personal responsibility in all of their actions. Ways to demonstrate personal responsibility include but are not limited to:

- Coming to class prepared with all necessary materials- pencil, binder, laptop and calculator
- Giving an honest effort to complete work
- Taking time to ask questions if you do not understand something
- Finding out what you missed if you are absent

Grading Policies:

- All class work and assignments are required to be completed and corrected by the student. ***All on time assignments can be revised to earn full points by attaching a corrected version to the original assignment.***
- Late work will be accepted as long as it is complete and corrected. **Late work will not earn full credit.** Late work will earn 1 point less on the point scale than it would have been worth if it was turned in on time.
- **Formative Assessments (20% of Quarter Grade Final Course Grade)** This is the practice for the learning with feedback. These assignments will be scored on a 5-point scale in Mistar and can be fixed and returned for full credit.
- **Summative Assessments (80% of Report Card Grades)** Summative assessments are assessments OF learning where students are challenged to “show what they know.” These assignments will be scored as a percentage in MiStar.
- Test/Project Corrections are allowed for **most** Summative Assessments if the student has completed and corrected all work for the unit and met with the teacher to discuss concerns. Students will be able to earn back ½ of the points that were missed on the original assessment.

- **Per Pathfinder Policy, no extra credit work will be given.**

Absence Procedure:

- STUDENTS should check the agenda for missed work. (Both the In-class Work and Assignment sections on the agenda must be completed by the absent student.)
- If needed, find worksheet(s) in the extra papers drawer. Please ask Mrs. Sharon for help if you are not sure what you need.
- Arrange a time with Mrs. Sharon to make-up tests or quizzes if needed
- Pre-arranged absence forms can be obtained from the office by a parent/guardian calling in the information. Students will be able to collect their work a few days prior to the absence.

Mrs. Sharon's Science Supplies 2017-2018

(please have supplies to school by 9-11-17)

1.5" (or larger) 3-ring binder
Spiral Notebook (1 subject/70 pages)

5 tabbed dividers

*****Pencil Pouch with the following supplies.....

Lots of Glue Sticks

Highlighter

Pencils Scissors

Crayons or Colored Pencils

Red Pen

Metric Ruler

Basic Calculator

Fine tipped black marker

***Donations of Kleenex and Antibacterial Wipes are greatly appreciated!