8th Grade Integrated Science Course Syllabus
Eastlake Middle School

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Scholarship Grades

Grades can be accessed electronically through Jupiter Grades at jupitered.com in addition to printed progress reports provided by the school every six weeks.

Grades will be assigned as followed:

100-90% - A 89-80% - B 79-70% - C 69-60% - D 59-0% - F

Assessment 60%

Assessments are evidence of mastering the standards this may include: quizzes, tests, projects, presentations, lab reports, or essays. Tests and quizzes maybe redone throughout the semester to show mastery, with the exception of the final exam. Directions for retakes will be in Jupiter linked to the assessment.

Assignments 40%

Assignments include class work and homework, including the notebook. Consistent failure to do work on time will result a lowered grade and parent contact. Late work will be accepted for partial credit until the given cutoff date, usually the week progress reports are distributed.

Citizenship Grade Criteria

Citizenship grades are determined by student conduct in work habits, participation, and behavior. Students are expected to follow all school and class rules. The following rubric will be used to assign citizenship grades. To receive an A, students will need to earn an A for each column.

	Work Habits	Participation	Behavior/ Character
A Excellent	• All work is completed on time and in great detail • Brings all supplies to the class everyday	• Participates multiple times daily with the whole class and in groups • Less than 2 unexcused tardies/absences per semester • *DLI only*- Tries to use Spanish in all aspects of the class	• Considerate with all members of the class and helps others to be successful • Creates a safe learning environment
B Very Good	• All work is turned in on time and complete • Brings supplies to the class consistently	• Participates daily with the whole class and in groups • *DLI only*- Tries to use Spanish the majority of the time.	• Considerate with all members in the class • Creates a safe learning environment
C Satisfactory	• Usually completes work • Generally brings all supplies to the class	• On occasion, is not eager to participate with the class • Participates in small groups • *DLI only*- Uses English when Spanish becomes difficult.	• Is becoming aware of the needs of others • Shows improvement from bad decisions • Generally follows directions
D Needs improvement	• Missing many assignments • Usually assignments are not complete • Usually missing supplies	• Participates with small groups • Participates with class only when asked • *DLI only*- Only uses Spanish when asked	• Occasionally disrespectful • Occasionally untruthful or manipulative • Occasionally demonstrates unsafe behaviors
F Failing	• Missing all assignments • Cheats • Usually missing supplies	• Does not participate or participates with a negative attitude • Has 6 or more unexcused tardies/absences per semester • *DLI only*- Doesn't try to use Spanish in class	• Usually disrespectful • Untruthful • Manipulative • Consistently does not follow directions, threatening the safety of others

Classroom Materials:

- Students are required to have the following materials ready for class everyday:
    - Spiral bound notebook designated for SCIENCE ONLY (8.5 x11 and at least 100 pages)
    - Pens and pencils, highlighter, clear tape or glue stick
    - Fully charged iPad (It is the student's responsibility to make sure iPad is charged for each class)

Technology note: The ***ipad*** is a learning tool and must be used as such. Students who are caught taking pictures or video in class will have their ipads confiscated. Students who are playing games or visiting non-educational websites during class will also have their ipads confiscated. If the problem persists parent contact will be made and/or a referral to administration. ***Cell phones*** and other personal electronic devices are never allowed during class and will be confiscated immediately. If a cell phone is confiscated a parent will need to collect it from the main office.

Homework/Classwork:

- In order to get full credit, all assignments must be *complete, on time,* legible, and must show all work.
- Homework is due the first 5 minutes of class to be considered on time
- Students may turn in late assignments for partial credit, usually a 10% penalty.
- If you are ***absent*** it is your responsibility to check Jupiter, the class website or with a classmate and make up all assignments within a week of your excused absence for full credit. Work that was due the day you were absent is expected immediately upon return to class.
- Student work without a name will not receive credit. Put your name on your work before beginning it.

Classroom Policies:

There are three basic expectations:

1. **Be respectful:** respect yourself, respect your classmates, respect your teachers, respect your environment, etc.
2. **Be responsible:** be on time, have your materials, stay on task, be ready to learn, follow directions and instructions the first time, etc.
3. **Be safe**: think about your words and actions beforehand. Safety is the number one concern at Eastlake Middle School. Irresponsible behavior will not be tolerated. If you are removed from any given activity, you will receive a zero for that assignment and possibly be restricted from future activities.

Lab Safety

General Science 2 is a **laboratory** science. During this course, students will be doing many activities in which safety is a huge factor. Students are expected to come to class ready to complete the lab work. **Students who are not prepared, who are not wearing appropriate clothing or safety gear (goggles, gloves), or who do not follow the safety rules may not be permitted to complete the lab in class.** This will affect students' participation, citizenship and academic grades.

General SAFETY Rules

1. **Follow ALL directions written and verbal.**
2. Stay seated with your group
3. No eating or drinking in class
4. Use materials and emergency equipment correctly
5. Clean your area according to directions
6. All spills, accidents, and injuries must be reported to your teacher immediately.

Behavioral Consequences: Students will definitely be rewarded for good behavior including, but not limited to: verbal praise, science dollars and special awards, and/or positive shout outs and contacts home. However, if students do not abide by the aforementioned classroom policies, they will be subject to an appropriate disciplinary consequence which may include, but is not limited to: verbal warnings, time after class, detention, parent involvement, and/or referral to administration.

Miscellaneous

- Teachers take no responsibility for lost or stolen items in the classroom.
- Bathroom Breaks: Bathrooms should be used during breaks and passing periods.
- Cheating Policy: Cheating is the actual or attempted practice of fraudulent or deceptive acts for the purpose of improving one's grade or obtaining credit for course credit. It also includes assisting other students to do so. CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED and will result in a 0 for the assignment and possible parent contact, disciplinary consequences referral to administration.

PLEASE SEPARATE AND **RETURN THIS PAGE** ONLY

Student's Name: _____ Period: _____

I will attempt to communicate with you about your student's progress in this class on a regular basis via Jupiter, Progress Reports and at other times as needed. I hope you will feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail at any time to discuss your student's progress. At Eastlake Middle we want all students to succeed and be college-ready.

Good communication between families, students and teachers is essential to student's success in school. Please sign and date the section below to indicate that you have reviewed the course syllabus and agree to assist with the communication necessary to reach our goals.

Thank you for your time,

Mrs. Kasem

I have reviewed the material in this packet.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/ Adult signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

● Do I have your permission to publish your child's picture in my professional portfolio, school website or other professional source? (please circle one choice)

YES / NO / OTHER (please explain)

● Is there anything you would like me to know about your child?

● Any additional concerns and/or comments?

POR FAVOR SEPARE Y **REGRESE SOLAMENTE ESTA PAGINA**

Nombre del estudiante: _____ Periodo: _____

Trataré de comunicarme regularmente con ustedes referente al progreso de su hijo(a) en la clase de ciencias vía Jupiter grades. También usted me puede mandar un correo electrónico o hablar por teléfono a la escuela. En la escuela Eastlake Middle School queremos que todos nuestros estudiantes tengan éxito y que estén preparados para la universidad.

Buena comunicación entre padres, estudiantes y maestros es esencial para que sus hijos(as) tengan éxito en la escuela. Manteniendo esto en cuenta, por favor tome el tiempo de leer esta descripción del curso y fírmelo como constancia de que lo leyó. Por favor llene la siguiente información y regrese esta hoja a la clase de ciencias con su hijo(a).

Muchas gracias,
Sra. Kasem

He revisado la información en este paquete.

Firma del **estudiante**: _____ Fecha: _____

Firma del **padre**/tutor legal: _____ Fecha: _____

Parentesco del estudiante: _____

Número de Teléfono: _____

E-mail (correo electrónico del padre/tutor legal): _____

● ¿Tengo su permiso para publicar una imagen de su hijo en mi portfolio profesional, sitio o otro lugar profesional? (Por favor escoja una opción)

Sí / NO / OTRO (Explica por favor)

● ¿Hay algo en particular que quieren comentarme acerca de su hijo/a?

● ¿Alguna preocupación o comentario adicional?