

Marbury Middle School
Eighth Grade Physical Science Syllabus
2023 - 2024

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Room #	Room 130		

Anchor Texts:

Physical Science 8

Description:

Students going into the eighth grade are beginning to ask questions about the world around them as they expand their ability to analyze and evaluate the natural world. Physical Science is a year-long course that introduces students to various basic Physics and Chemistry concepts through the use of scientific models and hands-on activities. Our guiding question for this class is “How does the study of the Physical Sciences help understand my place in the world?” Throughout the first semester, we will study principles of chemistry. In the second semester of this course, students will explore the concepts of physics.

Classroom Rules:

All students must adhere to the following rules:

1. Be responsible: No tardiness, come prepared, be in your seat at the bell.
2. Be respectful: No loud outburst or disruptions during class, keep hands to yourself, no negative comments toward others.
3. Be resourceful: Check yourself for understanding, contribute to group efforts in group settings.

Classroom Discipline:

Any students failing to adhere to class rules will face the following general consequences:

- 1st offense: Verbal Warning
- 2nd offense: Break Detention
- 3rd offense: Morning Detention & Parental Contact
- 4th offense: Office Referral

Note: If a student fails to attend assigned break detention, they will be assigned morning detention. Some offenses are more severe than others, thus requiring an immediate office referral.

Grading Scale:

As prescribed by the Autauga County Board of Education, the grade breakdown for the 2023-2024 Academic Year is as follows:

Participation – 5%

Bell Ringers & Exit Slips

Minor Grades - 30%

Minor grades, i.e. classwork, graphic organizers, video analysis, etc.

Major Grades – 65%

Unit tests that are multiple choice, short answer, and essay questions, group projects, essays.

Assignments:

Students should be responsible and keep up with all assigned work. For further assistance, students may visit www.marburymiddle.com for lesson plans. Also, any supplemental notes on all subjects covered in class, as well as all assignments will be uploaded to Schoology. It is the student’s responsibility to complete those assignments in a timely manner.

Students are responsible for making up any missed assignments upon returning to school. 10 points will be deducted from every assignment each day that it is late. Any work not made up after 10 days will result in a grade of 0. If a student misses ample time due any documented extenuating circumstances (illness, death in the family, etc.), I will work with that student and allow enough time to successfully complete any missed assignments.

Science Lab Contribution/Science Textbook & Workbook:

The MMS Science Department will gladly accept a \$10 *optional* lab contribution for the school year. These funds go directly towards covering all laboratory equipment and materials used throughout the school year.

Students will be issued a Science Workbook at the beginning of the school year. Students will be responsible for keeping up with their workbook throughout the course of the school year. These resources will be used often and graded assignments will be completed using them throughout the school year.

Conclusion:

In closing, I look forward to working with all students this year, and will be more than willing to provide any help that is in my realm of possibility. As long as we work together, we can be a positive force in the lives of our students.

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Syllabus:

By signing in the blanks below you are stating that you have read the syllabus and agree with all rules and procedures stated above.

Student name (print) _____

Parent signature _____

Parent email _____ Phone number _____