



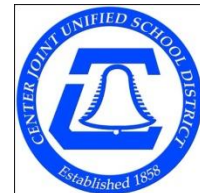
Wilson C. Riles Course Syllabus

8th Grade Science

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School Wide Behavior and Expectations:

All students are expected to follow the WCR Personal Standards Matrix identified in the agenda book.

Course Outlines

Located on our WCR webpage at www.centerusd.k12.ca.us/cusd/wcriles

Course Website:

<http://hamiltonlifephyscience.weebly.com> or it can be accessed on the school website.

Classroom Supplies

- Required: Pencils, Pens, College Rule Spiral Notebook, Three Ring Binder, Colored Pencils, Highlighters, Glue Sticks
- Useful: Note-cards, Ruler, Markers, Scissors, A folder, Calculator, or Lined Paper
- Textbook: Focus on Physical Science, Science Explorer – California Editions

Grading:

Students will be graded on various items such as, projects, lab reports/projects, homework, classwork, and test/quizzes. Final course grades are computed as follows as well as percentage distribution based off assignment types:

Grading Scale		Assignment Type Grade Distribution:	
A	90 – 100%	Assignments	45%
B	80 – 89%	Assessments	40%
C	70 – 79%	Final Exam	15%
D	60 – 69%		
F	> 60%		

Homework/Classwork Procedures

- The agenda will be on the board when students enter the classroom. This should be copied into the agenda each day. Homework will be listed in the agenda.
- Homework is due at the *start* of the class period; it should be out of your binder with your name on it.
- *No late homework will be accepted.* Anyone working on homework when it is due will take a zero. Students are welcome to make up work during husky help Tuesday through Thursday.
- **Unfinished class work is to be completed as homework.**

Assessments

- Some quizzes are unannounced (“pop quizzes”) and they are “open notebook”. Other quizzes you will know about and they are not open notes.
- Benchmark quizzes will be given throughout the unit to assess learning of the state standards.
- At the end of each unit of study, a test covering that unit’s information will be given.
- Tests are announced ahead of time to give students time to study. A unit review sheet will be handed out prior to the test. This can be completed and used on the test.
- A comprehensive final exam will be given at the end of the semester. Work from the semester must be kept to study for this exam.

Test Retakes:

1. Excused absence on the test date. The student must discuss with the teacher about making up date.
2. Life-events: If a student experiences a life event and prevents the student from studying, a parent must send an e-mail, send a signed note, or call the teacher.

Absent Procedures

- You must make up work you miss when not in class. Pick up any work missed from the teacher.
- Arrange a time with the teacher to make up labs, tests or quizzes (before or after school, are best).
- You are responsible for completing all missed work.
- You have as many days as you were absent to make up missed work.
- Work due when you were absent is due on the day you return.
- You have one week to make up labs, tests, or quizzes.

Lab Procedures

- Do not touch lab equipment until instructed to do so.
- You are responsible for any broken or damaged equipment and cleaning your lab station.
- Lab stations will be checked before dismissal to next class.
- Students need to wear appropriate clothing to perform the lab.

Electronic Devices: The teacher or any other school official will give students a verbal warning about violation of school policy. If the teacher or school official observes further violation of school policy, the student will be given a pass to the office where the students will forfeit and give their electronic device to their respective assistant principal. Further consequences may occur if violation is repeated.

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory! Students who miss class due to illness or other excused absence should talk to the teacher before class begins or before or after school the day the student returns to school. The student should ask for missing work. If the student wants the work, PowerPoint presentations, or to know what he/she missed in class, the student may e-mail the teacher or view class website to obtain information.

Tardiness: Students will be marked tardy if they enter the classroom after the bell rings without a proper pass. If a student is late to class five or more times, the student will receive an administrative detention. If the student continues to be excessively late to class, the student will receive a disciplinary referral.

Cheating and plagiarism: If students are caught cheating, plagiarizing, or copying another student's work, the students involved will receive a zero on the assignment and the parents/ guardians will be contacted. This policy still applies for students completing work for other classes. The teacher will be notified and have the discretion of how to handle the situation. This included physically having another student's work or having a picture of the work on an electronic device.

Dress Code: Please be aware of the clothing your child is wearing to school. Clothing that is distracting or advertising inappropriate products will not be tolerated.

Tutoring and Extra Help: After school tutoring will be available before school at 7:30 to 8:00 and after school from 2:30 to 3:00 most days. Students are always welcome to drop in anytime with questions regarding their assignment. The science teachers offer husky help before school from 7:15 – 7:50 and after school from 2:25 – 3:25, where the students are allowed to make up late work, labs, tests/quizzes, or get help if a student is struggling.

Extra Credit Policy: There will be opportunities for students to earn extra credit. Students may earn extra credit in two ways. First, students can earn extra credit by bringing in classroom supplies such as tissues, lined paper, whiteboard markers, cleaning supplies, etc. The other manner which students may earn extra credit is by bringing in extra lab supplies for an experiment or activity. This opportunity will be announced as an extra credit opportunity.

