



What you will need for my class.

- ✓ Journal (stays in the room)
- ✓ writing utensil,
- ✓ paper
- ✓ Notebook or binder for organizing handouts & notes.
- ✓ Ear Buds (Available in Locker)

I expect all students to be...

- ✓ Respectful
- ✓ Responsible
- ✓ Safe
- ✓ Creative
- ✓ Productive

Student Privileges

- ☑ Students may drink water in class using personal water bottles or the water fountain outside the door.
*****Food is not allowed as a safety precaution in science classrooms.***
- ☑ Students will receive 3 bathroom passes per quarter to use and trade at their discretion.
- ☑ Bathroom passes may be traded to get items from their locker instead of taking a tardy.

Electronic Devices

I believe that personal electronic devices can be powerful tools for learning. School is a chance to learn appropriate use of technology in a professional and social setting.

- ☑ Students are encouraged to bring their personal electronic devices to class in order to;
 - ☑ Collect data and observations during a lab
 - ☑ Take notes or record a lesson
 - ☑ Perform calculations and collect information for an assignment
 - ☑ Collaborate with students and teacher during a lesson
 - ☑ Listen to music when specified during individual work/reading times.
- ☑ All devices are on "Silent" or "Off" when student enters class, but can be used when directed or a student asks permission.

Assignments and Grading Policies

Homework

- * There will not be assigned homework every night.
- * Students may have to work at home to complete assignments not finished in class.
- * Some assignments will require more work outside of class in order to be finished on time.
- * Students will have opportunities to earn homework passes during games, competitions, or other activities.

Late Work/Redo's

* Any test or assignments/tests/projects can be redone to improve the score **within one week of it being graded and handed back to the student.**

- * Assignments/tests/projects can be turned in late, one week of it after the due date.

Extra Credit

* Extra credit is only available if students have completed all major assessments and projects. I would rather they complete missing major projects/tests than work on extra credit.

- * Scoring varies according to quality work and will only be credited as Daily Work or Lab grades.

Complete Thoughts and Sentences

* Students are expected to write in complete sentences using proper capitalization and punctuation, unless indicated. Students will lose points for writing without complete sentences.

Zeros

* If a grade is a zero on Powerschool it means that I haven't graded it. Either because the students hasn't turned it in, it's still in the basket and or it's in the "No Name Basket".

Grading System

Journals	5%	Graded for proper format, completion
Daily Work	10%	Handouts, worksheets, homework etc...
Labs	40%	Labs, field trips, demonstrations, etc...
Tests	45%	Presentations, papers, tests, quizzes, etc...

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = 60

Basic Rubric Used in Grading Student Work

4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Below Proficient	1 Far Below Proficient	0
I exceed all the skills within the standard by demonstrating more complex understanding * I go beyond the expectation	I demonstrate all the skills within the standard. * I meet the expectation.	I demonstrated some of the skills within the standard. * Sometimes I meet expectations	With help I can demonstrate some skills within the standard. * I usually need help to meet the expectations.	Even with help I cannot demonstrate skills within the standard. * Even with help, I'm not usually able to meet the expectations.

*Used when assessing performance tasks.

Parents: This part's for you!

★ **Grades:** Posted once on a week on PowerSchool. *(If you see a zero it wasn't turned in or hasn't been graded yet.)*

★ **Canvas:** Where you can find the assignments and resources for each day online. All assignments can be downloaded, printed or viewed from this site. This is a great tool for families when traveling or sick. **You can find the link on PowerSchool and students can access it from the KPBSD website.**



★ **Let Me Know:** Feel free to email, call or visit me at the middle school, south pod first door on the left. ☺

★ **Join Us:** Class field trips, experiments and presentations are open to parent involvement and observations. If you would like to join us or help out please let me know by phone, email or in person.

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Please sign and return this section, indicating you have read and understood the Academic Plan

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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