

Mrs. Dimengo's 8th Grade Science Classroom Procedures



Supplies:

Composition Book	Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
3 Ring Binder	Ear buds/headphones
5 Dividers	Calculator
Notebook Paper	Planner (provided by the school)
Pencil or Pen	

Our course in [Schoology](#) is the central hub for receiving assignments, sharing resources, and submitting projects.

Entering the classroom- Students will enter the classroom before the bell rings. Upon entering, students need to get their assigned computers and begin bell work. When bell work is complete, students are to take out any labs, or assignments due for the day.

Cell Phones & electronic devices- Students will be using computers almost daily so cell phones and other electronic devices are not needed unless specified by the teacher. Cell phones and other electronic devices should be left in lockers and not brought to class.

Internet- The Internet will be used daily in this course as the primary learning tool. Access to the Internet is a privilege that can be revoked. Students who intentionally access websites with inappropriate content (not relevant to the task at hand) will be referred to the administration for disciplinary action. All students must abide by all rules and regulations stated in the *Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy* that was signed at the beginning of the year.

When you are absent- Access our course in Schoology to see what was assigned. Handouts will be in the appropriate folder in the absent work bin at the front of the classroom. Students can get a pass to come in to work during their SA period. Students receive one day to make up work for each day absent.

Restroom/Locker Passes- Students will be given 14 Science passes and 2 pencil passes at the beginning of each grading period. A pass will be required to use the restroom, get a drink, go to your locker, get a pencil or if a student is tardy to class (less than one minute). Unused passes will be worth half a bonus process point each at the end of the grading period. If you do not have a pass, you will not be able to leave the room.

Grading- Graded work falls into one of two categories, product and process. Product grades are those that students complete on their own without the help of others. A product grade is a true reflection of what the student knows. Product grades are used to evaluate student knowledge on State Science Standards. Product grades include tests and individual application projects. The second category is process grades. Process grades are assignments that help students learn the State Science Standards and may include, but are not limited to homework, classwork, lab work and group/cooperative learning. The nine weeks grade is broken down as follows: product = 85% of the final grade and the process = 15% of the final grade. The following is Jackson Local School's grading scale:

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

Midterms- Midterm reports will be given to students approximately halfway through each grading period. Students are to take midterms home to be signed by a parent/guardian.

Retakes- Students have an opportunity to retake TWO assessments each nine weeks. To earn the opportunity to retake an assessment, the student must complete all homework and the study guide that relates to the assessment. Students will have a choice between two retake dates. Retakes will take place during students' SA periods. The retake score will replace the original score, even if the student scores lower on the retake.

Book Online- The five science textbooks we will be using this year will remain in the classroom. These textbooks are available online. The web address is: www.phsuccessnet.com

Username: jmms1617 Password: gobears1617

We will be conducting numerous science labs that require a variety of materials (milky way candy bars, tootsie pops, etc.). Students will be notified when supplies are needed. Any help with supplies would be appreciated.

