

Teacher: Ms. Laroche      Course: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Science

**Book: Physical Science with Earth Science**

**Supplies: Book, calculator, paper, and pencil.**

**Course Summary:** Ninth grade physical science is an exploration of the essential elements of chemistry and physics. First semester will include a review of the scientific method, measurement, and an introduction to the essential elements of chemistry. Second semester will include an introduction to the essential elements of physics. The class will include classroom and homework activities, projects, and lab activities. The class is designed to meet the states essential requirements and to help students make a choice between physics and chemistry for their junior year.

### **GRADING POLICY PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

60% - Class activities, homework, and lab activities.

40% - Tests

#### **Grading Scale**

<b>100 - 94</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>90 - 93</b>	<b>A-</b>
<b>87 - 89</b>	<b>B+</b>
<b>83 - 86</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>80 - 82</b>	<b>B-</b>
<b>77 - 79</b>	<b>C+</b>
<b>73 - 76</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>70 - 72</b>	<b>C-</b>
<b>69 - 67</b>	<b>D+</b>
<b>63 - 65</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>60 - 62</b>	<b>D-</b>
<b>Below 60%</b>	<b>F</b>

Some class assignments will be checked with a:

- 100%
- 83%
- 65%
- 50%

If below 50% a percentage or a zero will be given depending on the assignment.

#### **TEST RETAKES-**

**Students have the privilege of retaking any test. The 1<sup>st</sup> test must be corrected and brought with the student at the time of the retake. Retakes must be taken within 5 days of the test being returned and they must be taken after school.**

#### **EXTRA CREDIT-**

1. Once everyone has taken the test they will be returned at the end of a class period, they may be taken home, corrected and returned the next day at the start of class. If **ALL** corrections are done and the test is returned to me by the start of class, the test score will improve by 10%. If a student receives a score above 90% the score will improve to 100%. If the entire test is not corrected **NO** points will be given.
  
2. There will also be some extra credit opportunities during each quarter.

## CLASS EXPECTATIONS

### Class Assignments / Homework-

- At the top of each assignment you should have your **name, the date, class period, and assignment title or page number.**
- Some assignments will be checked by my walking around the class and assigning a check. This can be done at the end of a class or at the beginning of a class. Assignments that are given a check **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED LATE**, except in the case of an absence. **Late is defined as not complete when the assignment is being checked.**
- Assignments that are to be turned in should be turned in to the drawer- if it is not in the drawer or if your name is not on it, you will not receive credit for that assignment. These assignments will be accepted until **Friday** of the week they are assigned.

### Absences-

- If you are absent, and the absence is excused, it is your responsibility to see me to obtain the assignments. It is also your responsibility to turn in the work within **five days** from the time that you return from an absence.
- If you miss a lab it is your responsibility to make arrangements, with me, to make it up before or after school. This must be done in a reasonable time; labs do not stay set up indefinitely.
- If you are absent on the day of a test it is your responsibility to make arrangements to make up the test, in most cases this will be before or after school.

### Help-

- If you are lost or confused see me. I can be available most days before or after school to help you sort out any problems. I am willing to help you all you have to do is ask.

## CLASSROOM RULES

1. Be respectful; you do not have the right to disrupt the class or people around you.
2. Come to class prepared- papers, pencils, and books; **everyday**.
3. **NO** food or drink in class.
4. Remain seated while the teacher is talking.
5. Throw out papers at the end of class.
6. During group work speak in **WHISPER** tones.
7. Keep brushes, make-up, and lotion out of site, this is a safety issue.
8. Follow all lab safety rules.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(print)

**FOR THIS CLASS YOU WILL NEED:**

1. Three ringed binder 1 inch or 1½ inch binder with a section for notes.
2. Paper (lined or loose leaf).
3. Your book.
4. Pen or Pencil.

**Note checks will be done periodically approximately every chapter, they will count as an assignment. They should be kept neat and organized in order to receive full credit.**

Notes and papers should be kept each semester.

**Your semester grade will be calculated as follows:**

**40% 1<sup>st</sup> quarter**

**40% 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter**

**20% semester final**

**Example-**

86% 1<sup>st</sup> quarter

90% 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

75% semester final exam

Semester grade-  $(86 \times .4) + (90 \times .4) + (75 \times .2) = 85.4 \%$  (B) semester grade