

## **8TH GRADE SCIENCE CLASSROOM GUIDELINES MRS. KEY - 2009-2010**

### **Rules**

- Be courteous.
- Be positive.
- Do not speak when someone else is speaking.
- “Stuff” that doesn’t belong to you is to be left alone.

### **Assigned Work**

- 100% maximum credit - in on day it is due when collected
- 50% maximum credit - after class and up to one day late
- 0% credit - more than one day late
- All written work should follow accepted eighth grade writing conventions.

### **Interactive Student Notebook (ISN)**

The purpose of the interactive notebook is to enable to you be a creative, independent thinker and writer. Interactive notebooks are required for class notes as well as other activities where you will be asked to express your own ideas and process the information presented in class. This may apply to demonstrations and lab activities.

### **Lab Reports**

- The written portion can be done in pencil or pen
- All pictures, drawings, graphs, or charts are to be done in colored pencil.
- NO MARKERS, CRAYONS OR PEN!

### **Class Absence**

Check the “ABSENT?” notebook for work that was missed. Make arrangements to make up missed tests or quizzes and pick up additional worksheets from me. Check my website for missed homework and daily activities. You need to initiate contact following an absence.

### **Homework**

It is posted on the marker board and you are responsible for it whether or not you are reminded. Extra copies are available in the basket. It is your responsibility to maintain your Homework Stamp Sheet. Be sure to log all assignments and make sure you receive stamp credit for work done.

### **Tests/Quizzes**

You should correct all tests using your notes, homework, and text. See your teacher for an appointment to do this within one week of the test being administered. All tests will be kept in your student folder.

## Grades

Grades are published weekly so you always know if your work is up-to-date and what your current grade is. If you think there is an error, please see me. Final quarter grades will be calculated from the following distribution:

	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
Homework – (daily work, ISN, class projects)	30%	30%
Lab work and Quarter Challenges	35%	35%
Tests and Quizzes	35%	30%
Semester Final	0	5%
Total	100%	100%

Behavioral detentions will be issued without discussion if you are tardy more than twice a quarter, if you are caught cheating (results in a grade of “0”), or any misbehavior for a substitute teacher.

## Questions?

I want to be able to answer your questions, but I can't if I don't know what they are. There are four things I expect you to do if you don't understand something.

1. Ask questions in class as concepts are explained and continue to ask until you have a better understanding.
2. Check my 8<sup>th</sup> grade science website for additional information.
3. Call a friend from your class or in another class. If the homework doesn't make sense, call someone and ask him or her how to do it.
4. E-mail me at school [sue.key@lz95.org](mailto:sue.key@lz95.org) if you have a problem. I begin my day by checking my school e-mail and if there is a question from you, I'll have a better idea how to start the day's review of the homework. Don't just tell me that you don't get it, be specific. Remember, I can't help you if you don't tell me you need the help! Also, please remember that e-mail is for messages and not to be used as a means of conferencing.

## How can I be successful in eighth grade?

There are several very simple expectations that all eighth grade teachers have.

1. Stay organized.
2. Study a little bit every night. Don't wait until the night before a test/quiz to do it all.
3. Keep your assignment notebook and your ISN up to date.
4. Make sure your homework is complete and turn it in on time.
5. Be honest.
6. This is **your** education - take responsibility for it.