

SOJO 8th Grade Science

I never teach my pupils, I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn.

---Albert Einstein

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General Expectations: Science is a field that must be done with curiosity and an open mind. We live in a world of instant gratification and feedback at the speed that technology and social media can give it. Learning science is a developmental progression which often takes TIME and most importantly it TAKES EFFORT. Students must give both to be successful in developing scientific understanding.

Learning Expectations: To support the state learning goals, there will be less teacher-centered instruction and more student-centered learning. Students will...

- Gather and organize information from multiple sources (reading, data, investigations) and work to develop explanations and design solutions supported by evidence-based arguments and reasoning to achieve an understanding of core science ideas.
- Develop and discuss open-ended questions that focus on the strength of the evidence used to generate claims
- Engage in science and engineering practices to explain phenomena.
- Integrate the knowledge of science and the skills needed to achieve understanding.

Work Expectations: Work is due on time, completed, and finished at a high quality.

- **On Time** means it is handed in/submitted online when the teacher requests.
- **Completed** means that every part must be finished as instructed.
- **High quality** means all answers are written **with complete sentences that communicate student understanding.**
 - Work not meeting these work expectations **may mean that the assignments will need to be redone on a new handout and WILL receive a penalty of 50% of the points on the assignment.**

Cheating in any form will not be tolerated and will result in a 0 score on the assignment/test, a U in citizenship, and a call home – this includes copying or letting someone copy your tests, quizzes, and class assignments answers.

Absent work:

- It is the student's responsibility to talk to the teacher about missing assignments **immediately** upon return
 - this should be done before or after school NOT during class.
- We will follow the school's policy for timeline regarding absent work (everyday gone is a day to make it up).
- If you miss a class activity , you will given an alternate assignment.
- Absent information must be filled out on the late pass **WILL** attached to the assignment.

Late Work:

- Late work including digital will be graded once the LATE pass is completely filled out and turned into the teacher (Late work is graded weekly not daily).
- Late work is accepted for each unit until the day of that unit's test.
- Late work will receive a 30% penalty

Citizenship Expectations: For a successful learning classroom, each student must be accountable for his or her own actions and behavior. We will follow the school citizenship rubric for determining citizenship grades: [SOJO Citizenship Guidelines](#)

Grade breakdown:

- 60% - Tests, Quizzes, and Bell Ringers
- 30% - Classwork – Activities, Labs, Homework
- 10% - Participation

Needed Materials: For science only - 3 ring binder(1 ½ inch) with sleeves on the outside cover OR page protector inside the binder, notebook paper, pencil, pencil pouch, 2 sticky note pads to be collected.

Digital Citizenship: Students are expected to use the schools technology (computers, iPad's, etc) only for the intended activities as instructed by the teacher.

- Any misuse of devices or online browsing will result in students losing access for the time the teacher determines is appropriate. The student will still be expected to complete the work on his or her own.
 - Damage to school computers must be reported immediately so the proper person can be accountable.
- Personal electronic devices (including earbuds) may not be used for any reason and should not be seen in class. If personal devices are seen they will be taken to the attendance office according to school policy.
- If you don't have internet/computer access at home, class computers and library computers are available before and after school. Discuss with your teacher if you have concerns.

We desire to help each student achieve his/her best. Appointments are available after school. Please contact us about any concerns or problems. - *Mrs. Bostwick, Mrs. Chaves, Mr. Grable, and Mrs. Reddish*

I have READ and understand the 8th grade science rules and policies.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____