

Modesto City Schools
Course Information sheet
Roosevelt Junior High School

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Course: Honors Physical Science

Textbook: Focus on Physical Science

Other Required Materials:

- Pen, Pencils, Paper
- (1) Single subject College ruled spiral bound notebook (70-100 pages),
- (2) 3 prong plastic folders for notes

Optional Items

- Calculator
- Colored pencils

Major Units of Study:

Forces and Interactions

- Motion, Forces, Density, Buoyancy
- Newton's Laws of Motion

Structure of Matter

- The atom
- Combining atoms
- States of Matter
- Periodic table and physical Properties

Chemical Interactions

- Chemical reactions
- Acids and Bases in Solution
- Chemistry of Living Systems

Earth and Space

- Our Solar System
- Stars and Galaxies

Grading and Evaluation Policy:

I use a weighted scale based on percentages.

- Lab work and Lab test 40%
- Test and Quizzes 30%
- Homework 10%
- Student portfolio and self-designed experiment 15%
- Projects 5%

*** I will accept lab work late, however students will lose 10% for each day that it is late.**

Grading Scale:

89.5 – 100 = A

79.5 – 89.4 = B

69.5 – 79.4 = C

59.5 – 69.4 = D

59.4 = F

Extra Credit Policy:

If I give extra credit, it will be offered one time per semester and students have approximately 2 weeks to complete the assignment. Extra Credit has to be turned in early or on time. I will NOT accept the work late. If the student is absent on the day that it is due, they will still need to get the extra credit to school, on time

Make-up Practices:

Students that have an excused absence will be allowed two days for every day that they are absent to make up the assignment. Responsibility for making up missed work lies with the student. This includes lab work too. Students will need to schedule a time to come in at lunch, after school or during zero period to complete or make up lab work. Refer to the Student Conduct Code regarding make-up practices for other types of absences.

Other:

This is a hands-on, activity based class. Attendance is extremely important since 40% of the student's grade is generated from their lab work.

Class Difficulty:

This is an "honors" class. This class is intended for students that wish to attain a level of academic achievement that is higher than typically demanded of students at this grade level. If this level of academic achievement does not fit with your ability, your willingness to work hard inside AND outside of the classroom, your schedule, or you academic goals please ask to be placed in another more appropriate class as soon as possible.

Homework Practices:

I give homework 2-3 times per week. Homework will rarely take more than 10 minutes to complete. **I do not accept late homework**, unless a student is absent. It is **always understood that lab work** becomes home work if the student doesn't complete the work in class. This is in addition to any other homework assignments.

Special Note: Any test or assignment that a student may not keep following its return and review will be retained by the teacher for at least 9 weeks following the issuance of report cards.

