

Mrs. Taylor's 2024-2025 Science Syllabus

Common Science Questions & Answers

GRADES

1. What is the grade evaluation for this year in science?

Homework/Classwork/Labs 40% and Assessments/Quizzes/Projects 60% (Total 100%). A standard grading scale is used.

2. How do I know what my child's grade is?

Student grades are available on Aeries Parent Portal. Call the school during working hours to find out your password & ID for Aeries. Grades are updated every Friday. Parents will not be called when students are failing as grades are available online all year long. Go over grades with your students weekly as they can show you their work online.

3. What do I do when my child says they don't have homework?

Check your student's written agenda for assigned homework. The agenda is also posted weekly online in Google Classroom through the Agenda on the Stream page. Homework is unfinished classwork. Ask your student to show you if you cannot find it. It's important for students to complete homework on time as what they learned is stored in long-term memory when they sleep.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1. Review notes page 5-6 2. Tree & boy page 7 1.Experiment Design page 9-10 4. variable cartoon	Sub Today 1. Disney Imagineering "Model" write 7 facts on a separate piece of paper-collect paper	1.Observation/ Inference Quiz (use your notes) 2. Variable Notes page 11,12 3.Variable Practice

4. Do you accept late work?

Yes, throughout the grading period. The highest grade students can receive for late work is a C. Students are given 4 late work passes to use every trimester in case of family emergencies. Late passes remove the late penalty so students can still receive full credit.

5. Do you offer extra credit assignments?

No. Students are allowed to turn in their missing work which has a larger impact on grades than extra credit. Students need to focus on doing their best, the first time, on each assignment and asking for help from the teacher if they need additional help.

6. What can my child do to improve their grade?

Students can turn in their missing/late work during the grading period. This will improve their grade the most. Help students study for tests as tests have a high impact on overall grades. Students should use their late work passes or any other rewards they have earned in class to help boost their grade. Students need to read any comments provided on assignments to know what mistakes they made or if they can re-submit their work.

7. Can you give my student their absent work?

Students are 100% responsible for getting their own absent work and turning it in on time for full credit. Students will be accessing their work online through Google Classroom or paper copies in class at the "Absent." Many assignments have videos included to explain skills that I went over in class, like how to make a graph.

8. Can you call or email me immediately when my student doesn't do their work?

Please check Aeries weekly for work completion. Incomplete work is not accepted and will be returned without a grade until students complete the assignment.

9. Can my child make up/redo their tests?

No. Students are given the study guide & vocabulary at the beginning of a new unit to allow plenty of time for studying in advance in their journals. Journals are a collection of notes, vocabulary, and other information to help students prepare for tests. Students who fail the test cannot retake a test.

10. Is there tutoring?

Students can request help during office hours with the teacher before or after school. Questions can be asked through email and Google Classroom and will be answered during work hours.

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CLASSROOM POLICIES

11. What are some rewards in the classroom?

Students will have opportunities to earn extra point passes, late work passes, fun activities/challenges, PRIDE cards, and homework passes. Students can also earn passes for participating in fundraisers.

12. What are some consequences in the classroom?

Consequences may include the following: warning, written consequence, parent phone call, parent conference, and minor or major referral (students are still part of their assigned school and the teacher will follow their discipline procedure as it applies to distance learning.) Copying other student work or work from the Internet will result in a "zero" for the grade.

Discipline system: 1st 2nd warning – Aeries communication message. 3rd warning – minor referral to administration.

Tardies: Following school policy, if you are **not in your seat** when the bell rings, you are tardy. Details are in the student agenda. Please make sure you are signed up to receive communication. I don't want anyone surprised about student behavior in class because they were not checking their messages.

13. Can you call or email me as soon as my student misbehaves?

No. Following school policy, teachers try to work with students individually to follow their personal classroom procedures. If students fail to follow classroom procedures with teacher interventions, then the teacher will reach out to the parent through Aeries communication, so please make sure you are signed up to receive communication. I don't want anyone surprised about student behavior in class because they were not checking their messages.

14. What materials should my student bring to school?

Besides the normal writing materials, students are to bring their assigned Chromebook to class, fully charged. I only have 3 Chromebooks that can be borrowed in class and sometimes they do not work. If students are not on appropriate websites (off-task websites) in class, they will receive one warning, then a message will be sent home if the student continues to be off task. Cell phone use is prohibited between the first and last school bell or will be taken from students following school policy.

LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

15. How is work submitted? Some assignments will be turned in on paper in class, but most will be through Google Classroom. Videos are provided on some assignments to explain the directions and skills taught in class, like how to make a graph.

16. What happens when there is a sub? Students will follow all the teacher's classroom policies with a guest teacher. Students who are written down for behavior issues will be written up following the school discipline system and receive after-school detention from the teacher.

17. What is the policy regarding cheating and plagiarism?

There is zero tolerance for cheating and plagiarism. Students will receive a zero on their assignment for copying other people's work OR knowingly permitting another student to copy their work. Any talking/communicating during testing time will automatically result in a zero on the test, regardless of the topic or situation. Copying whole sentences, copy/paste ideas from a website to a student's work, and copying another student's work are all examples of plagiarism.

18. How can I contact the teacher?

These are the hours for which I will be available to have a pre-arranged meeting (on either Google Meet), Email for questions regarding assignments, grades, and other classroom-related concerns. Email me at c_taylorchovan@chino.k12.ca.us in Aeries.

You made it through!

