



# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

## Mrs. Shanaa

### POLICIES & PROCEDURES

#### Burnet Middle School



**OUR GOAL: To develop our intelligence and our character.**

#### SUPPLIES (FOR EVERY DAY):

- ❖ Backpack
- ❖ Pens and Pencils
- ❖ Colored Pencils
- ❖ Glue
- ❖ Folder (for Assessments)



- ❖ Ear Buds
- ❖ **Composition Book**
- ❖ Planner
- ❖ HW Spot\* (Binder or Folder)



#### CLASS EXPECTATIONS:

- ❖ Be prepared and on time.
- ❖ Follow all instructions immediately.
- ❖ Work during all work times.
- ❖ Keep your hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- ❖ Be respectful & honor our social contract.

#### REWARDS:

- ❖ Knowledge
- ❖ Skills
- ❖ Success
- ❖ Pride
- ❖ Privileges & Activities!

#### CONSEQUENCES:

- ❖ Chill Out
- ❖ Conference
- ❖ Phone Call to Parent
- ❖ Detention/Team ISS
- ❖ Referral

#### SCIENCE GRADING POLICY:

<b>Tests:</b> Unit Tests & Benchmarks	<b>35%</b>
<b>Lab Reports/Projects/Quizzes:</b> Based on quality, effort, safety, & reflection	<b>25%</b>
<b>Daily Assignments:</b> Warm-ups, class work, notebook checks	<b>30%</b>
<b>Homework:</b> Assigned Monday through Thursday	<b>10%</b>

#### ❖ Absences & Make-up Work

If you are tardy or absent, it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to make up any missed assignments. If you were absent, check a neighbor's or my planner with permission **ON THE DAY YOU RETURN TO CLASS!** Pick up any handouts you missed. Complete and turn them in within 3 days. Any assignments made before the absence are due immediately upon return to class.

#### ❖ Late Work

All students are expected to turn in work on time. Unless you get permission from the teacher to turn in an assignment late, you will lose 10 points for each day it is late past the due date. After 10 days, work will not be accepted.

#### **Be honorable and work hard!**

Understand that communicating with other students during testing times, using unauthorized materials, or copying will result in a zero.

#### WHAT WILL WE LEARN THIS YEAR?

##### 1<sup>st</sup> 6 Weeks

Scientific Method  
Introduction to Chemistry

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> 6 Weeks

Force, Motion, & Energy (cont'd.)  
Earth's Features

##### 5<sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks

Characteristics of the Universe (cont'd.)  
Organisms & Environment  
STAAR Review

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 Weeks

Chemical Reactions and Formulas  
Force, Motion, and Energy

##### 4<sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks

Weather Systems  
Earth, Sun, & Moon  
Characteristics of the Universe

##### 6<sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks

Problem Solving  
Health and Sexuality



## For Our Success!

<b>GOOD THINGS</b>	Each day we will begin with “Good Things” to share a little about our lives, strengthen our bond as a class, and put us in a positive frame of mind. Please understand that there is a time limit as we have much to do. If you don’t get to share one day, you can share the following day. Be ready to share!
<b>SOCIAL CONTRACT</b>	In the second week of school, we will create a social contract together about how we will treat each other. It will be posted and a copy will be kept in our journals. All members of the class are expected to follow it.
<b>SAFETY CONTRACT</b>	Follow it! This must be read and signed by every student and their parent/guardian. Anyone not abiding by the safety contract will be removed from the lab.
<b>ENTERING CLASS</b>	Come in quietly, get your warm-up, HW, and journal and sit in your assigned seat. Begin your warm-up immediately.
<b>TARDIES</b>	If you are not completely inside the classroom when the bell rings or if you are not in your seat within 1 minute of the bell, you are tardy. If tardy, sign in and complete the write-out if necessary.
<b>SHARPENING PENCILS</b>	Bring your own pencil sharpener or use my sharpener before class begins.
<b>RESTROOM</b>	One person may leave the room for the restroom at a time. Everyone must remain in the classroom the first 10 and the last 10 minutes of class. Please wait until everyone is working independently to ask to leave. I encourage you to bring a clear water bottle and drink water in class (except when conducting a lab or using electronic equipment). You may only use 3 passes each 6-weeks.
<b>GUM</b>	Gum is for your time outside of school – not in the classroom.
<b>ELECTRONIC DEVICES</b>	All electronic devices (cell phones, ipods, psp, etc.) should be off or left at home. If I hear it or see it, I will have to collect it.
<b>ENDING CLASS</b>	All materials must be properly put away and areas need to be clean before you leave class. Remember the teacher dismisses you – not the bell. We will do our lunch and then I will dismiss one row or table at a time. Wait until yours is called and quietly walk to your next class.
<b>HOMEWORK</b>	Homework should be kept in your HW Spot. (*This could be a folder or a pocket in your binder that you keep with you for all classes.) <b>It will be assigned each day Monday – Thursday.</b> Revisiting ideas and practicing skills after class for even just a few minutes deepens understanding, enhances memory, and helps you assess your own needs.  Science homework is due at the beginning of class. As soon as you are seated, place your completed homework at the top corner of your desk. If it isn’t there when I come by to collect it, it is late!
<b>STUDYING</b>	Humans are not born knowing everything they need to know! Studying and practicing is often required. You are expected to study notes, your journal, foldables, study tools, and online when possible at home and when you have the chance. Your success depends on it!
<b>TEXTBOOK</b>	Our textbook can be accessed online and you can check out a copy to take home! It is an excellent resource with great activities and practice questions.
<b>CLASS WEBSITE</b>	Many announcements, handouts, study tools, and excellent resources are available through our class websites! Please check often! <a href="http://nshanaa.weebly.com/">http://nshanaa.weebly.com/</a> We will also use <b>edmodo.com</b> .
<b>TUTORING</b>	Tuesdays 3:45 - 4:45pm - Get help with HW, play review games, create study materials, make-up or redo work, retake tests, update science journal, use Edusmart or online study resources. Ask me for more information & take advantage of your opportunities to grow and learn!!

## Contact Me!

**Email:** [nadia.shanaa@austinisd.org](mailto:nadia.shanaa@austinisd.org)    **Classroom Phone:** 841-8267    **Conference Time:** 10:15-11:00 AM & 12:15 -1:00 PM

I understand the policies and procedures and agree to abide by them. \_\_\_\_\_

**WORK HARD, GET SMART, NO EXCUSES!**

*Student Signature*