

Science 8  
Rules and Responsibilities

1.) **Materials required for class every day:**

- 1” wide binder with 50-100 sheets of loose leaf paper
- covered textbook (cloth covers work best)
- student agenda
- writing instrument (pencil or pen)

Unprepared students can expect to be on the list for me during the extra help period.

2.) **Homework:**

- Expect it 3-4 times per week.
- Late homework won't be accepted.
- It must be done legibly, **in complete sentences**, with a proper heading or it doesn't count.
- **ALL** questions assigned must be answered or it doesn't count.

3.) Absent students who miss a test have 5 class days from the day they return to school to make it up. If it is not made up within this time, students may receive a zero for a grade. Students are responsible for keeping track of assignments or tests that they need to make up from absences. Students should hand in overdue homework from an absence the day after they receive the assignment.

4.) Seating arrangements are up to the teacher. Students are expected to be on time for class and be in their seats promptly. **The teacher may choose to move seats around as a student's behavior dictates.**

5.) **CLASSROOM RULES:**

- 1.) Follow Directions (the first time they are given).
- 2.) Observe ALL Safety Rules.
- 3.) Respect The People and The Equipment In This Room.  
(i.e. no put downs, foul language, intentionally damaging equipment, etc.)
- 4.) Come To Class Prepared and On Time Every Day
- 5.) Keep Your Hands and Feet To Yourself.

Consequences for violating classroom rules (at the teacher's discretion):

Extra Help Period Detention                      Lunch Detention  
Phone Calls Home  
Removal from Class  
Office Referral

6.) **RULES FOR BINDERS:**

- Every student must have one and bring it to class **EVERYDAY**.
- **Only** science work is allowed in the science binder.
- Handouts will be 3 hole punched for easy storage in the binder.
- The binder is the place for students to keep the many handouts they are given.

7.)	<u>Grading policy:</u>	Tests	40%
	(Tentative)	Homework/Preparation	25%
		Quizzes	15%
		Lab Grade	20%

- 8.) Extra help will be available during the extra help period. Students may be put on the list to review the day before a test at the teacher's discretion. Students are responsible for checking the 13<sup>th</sup> period roster for their names.
- 9.) All books must be covered by Monday 9/12. Cloth covers are recommended because they are inexpensive and work well. Since they are expensive (over \$50 per copy), they must be well cared for. **Papers are not to be crammed into the textbook.** Students with uncovered or misplaced books (i.e. found in another classroom, hallway) will receive an extra help period detention.
- 10.) Safety is extremely important in the science 8 classroom. The first several days of class are spent reviewing proper laboratory procedures. Labs are an integral part of this course; so safe lab practices are essential. Students who commit a serious safety violation will not be permitted to participate in lab activities until a conference is held with one of the student's parents as well as the principal and the teacher.
- 11.) The district uses a grading program called eschooldata, which has a parent portal available for parents to see their child's grades. Grades will be updated as they become available. Parents should feel free to contact the teacher via school email which is [eobrien@hoosicvalley.k12.ny.us](mailto:eobrien@hoosicvalley.k12.ny.us) for Mr. O'Brien and [wdorman@hoosicvalley.k12.ny.us](mailto:wdorman@hoosicvalley.k12.ny.us) for Mr. Dorman. The phone number here at school is 753-4432 and Mr. O'Brien's voicemail extension is 5045. Mr. Dorman's voicemail extension is 5018. Voicemail and email are checked daily by both teachers. Please feel free to contact the respective teacher if you have concerns.

Please sign below and return to the teacher no later than Friday 9/9. Your signature indicates that you have read and understand these rules. Extra copies of this form are available for future reference.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_