

CP Physical Science

Using a broad study of the principles of chemistry and physics, students are introduced to the methods and nature of science. Studies include the composition, interactions, and structure of chemical substances along with mechanics, work and energy, electricity and magnetism. Scientific process, problem-solving techniques, and laboratory skills are emphasized.

There are no prerequisites for Physical Science. The North Carolina Final Exam will count as 20% of your overall average in Physical Science.

Class Expectations

1. **Respect yourself, the teacher & others**
2. **Put forth your best effort at all times**
3. **Be prepared for class each day**
4. **Follow directions when given**
5. **Pay attention, participate and ask questions**
6. **Preserve a positive learning environment**
7. **Take responsibility for your actions**

Class Supplies

1. Three-ring binder with loose-leaf paper
2. Pen and Pencil for notes or drawings
3. Red or purple pen
4. Headphones or earbuds
5. Glue sticks
6. Optional: Pocket calendar
7. Optional: Flash drive
8. Optional: Highlighters
9. Optional: Colored Pencils or Crayons

Class Rules

1. **Put away and turn off cell phones & electronic devices**
 - Electronic devices (CD players, Ipods, handheld games, mini-TVs or personal DVD players, cell phones, pagers, etc.) are NOT permitted to be used during class.
 - You are **RESPONSIBLE** for keeping your cell phone (or other electronic device) up during instructional time.

CELL PHONE DISCIPLINE

1st offense: Verbal warning

2nd offense: Cell phone is taken by teacher until the end of the class period.

*****Refusal to give teacher cell phone will result in an office referral for insubordination.*****

3rd offense: Cell phone is taken by teacher until the end of the day and parent contact is made.

4th offense: Cell phone is taken by teacher until the end of the day, parent contact is made, and student will serve 30-minute afterschool detention.

5th + offense: Cell phone is taken by teacher until the end of the day, parent contact is made, and student will receive an office referral.

2. **No food in class unless instructed by teacher**

- Drinks are allowed
- If you make a mess, clean it up.

3. **Arrive to class on time & ready to learn**
 - When the bell rings, you need to be sitting in your assigned seat or you will be counted tardy.
4. **Never line up at the door before dismissal**
5. **Do not cheat, plagiarize, or copy work**
6. **Use polite and appropriate language**
 - Offensive, derogatory, and profane terms are not tolerated.
7. **Do your best work & turn it in on time**
 - Write your **FULL NAME** on all assignments.
 - You will receive a deduction of 10-points if you do not write your full name on an assignment.
 - Papers turned in with **NO NAMES** will go directly in the trash.

Discipline Policy

The following policy will be followed:

1st offense—warning

2nd offense—after school detention (30 –60 minutes on Tuesday and Thursdays only)

3rd offense—referral

Certain offenses (see Student Handbook) warrant skipping directly to a referral.

Class Procedures

1. **Turn in homework to the proper bin**
2. **Sign the tardy book**
 - 1st tardy: warning
 - 2nd tardy: call parent
 - 3rd tardy: PM detention with teacher
 - 4th + tardy: administrative referral
3. **Use hall passes to leave the class to use the restroom or get water.**
 - You are not allowed to leave the first or last ten-minutes of class.
 - You are not allowed to disrupt direct instruction to leave class. Do not ask during lectures.
 - You must receive a hall pass from the teacher before leaving and then return the hall pass upon your return.
4. **Pick up after yourself before you leave**
 - Class will not be dismissed if there is trash in the floor or desks/lab stations are untidy.
 - You are **RESPONSIBLE** for cleaning up your own messes.
5. **Get missed work from your folder, talk to your fellow students, then ask the teacher**
 - If you miss a test or quiz, it will your **RESPONSIBILITY** to see me to schedule a time afterschool to take it. If you do not, you will receive a **ZERO** for that grade.
6. **Come to training table to get a better test grade**
 - Training table will be held in my classroom, after school from 2:55-3:25 on **Tuesdays or Thursdays**. During Training Table, students will have the opportunity to retake tests or form a study group. Due dates for test retakes will be given at a later time.

Laboratory Safety

You will receive a Safety Contract that you will be required to sign. Failure to adhere to the rules in the Contract during a lab will result in a zero on the lab and/or other consequences.

Grading policy

In order for me to evaluate your progress it becomes necessary to establish a grading scale. This scale also lets you know how you will be evaluated in order to achieve the grade you **WANT** in the class.

Grade Scale:

A =	Superior work	100 – 90
B =	Above average work	80 – 90
C =	Average work	70 – 80
D =	Below average work	60 – 70
F =	Failure	Below 60

Grades ratings

30% Quizzes, labs, homework, and daily activities

10% Notebook
60% Unit Tests

Final Grade Computation

80% 1st and 2nd 9-weeks' grades (40% per 9-weeks)

20% Final Exam

Homework, Mini-Quizzes, and Vocabulary Quizzes

Homework is will **USUALLY** be limited to studying vocabulary terms and material learned in class.

Students will be given a Mini-Quiz at the beginning of class approximately once per week. The Mini-Quiz will include questions regarding the homework assignment and/or recent concepts taught in class. Mini-Quizzes will be graded to check the students understanding of the homework. Reference Table Quizzes will be given every other week.

Vocabulary quizzes will be given every Friday and come from the vocabulary list given at the beginning of each unit. Definitions are given for you to study, but you will need to complete specific term details every week.

Unit Tests

Unit tests will be given at the end of a unit. Students will be allowed to use the following items on all tests: 1) Physical Science Reference Table, 2) Calculator.

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be sent out at the end of each 9-weeks. For the first 9-weeks' progress report, students will be required to return signed progress reports back to me.

In School Suspension (ISS)

If you are assigned to ISS, you are responsible for completing all work I send to you AND all assignments/activities completed during class. It is your responsibility to check the make-up work notebook and folder when you return to class. It is also your responsibility to turn in all work assigned during ISS. Tests and quizzes will NOT be given in ISS. If you are assigned to ISS on a day that a test or quiz is given, you must take the test or quiz before or after school within three (3) school days of the last assigned ISS day.

Class Website

www.nosborne.com

Go here for assignments, worksheets, and updates!

Contact Information

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Planning Period: 3rd Period