

8th Grade Science Syllabus 2020-2021

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Teacher: Ms. Broach

Email: hbroach@newlifeacademyga.com

Office Hours:

Friday's during usual class time.

My "office hours" are available for students to: re-teach, make up tests/quizzes, receive extra help or practice on Inspire or IXL, or ask questions about their grades.

Students must make an appointment by emailing me.

GRADE WEIGHTS FOR EACH SEMESTER:

25%- Projects

35%- Classwork/Labs/Inspire/IXL

20%- Quizzes/Tests

10%- Final Exam (written & graded by Gwinnett County)

5%- Homework

5%- Interims (written & graded by Gwinnett County)

Parent Portal will be updated weekly for parent/guardian convenience.

Students are encouraged to check their grades regularly and ask questions that they might have about their grades.

Do not wait until the end of the semester to do this!

PORTAL GRADES:

If you see...

-ABS = Student was absent during this assignment and it needs to be made up.

-NTI = Student was present during this assignment and did not turn it in when it was due.

-EXC = Student did not complete assignment, it is excused, and the student does not need to make it up.

-A NUMBER = The number of points a student received out of the assignment.

RESOURCES:

Google Classroom, Google Sites, Inspire, IXL, Google Resources.

Organization will be extremely important for this class since content is coming from a variety of sources.

RETAKE POLICY:

All students that score below a 90% on a test or a quiz will be eligible for a retake. Students may only choose two retakes per semester. The highest a student can receive on any retake is a 90%.

8th Grade Science Syllabus 2020-2021

ABSENCES/TARDY POLICY:

If a student misses a test or quiz, they must make it up the first day that they return to school. According to the handbook, students with unexcused absences will be given a zero on any classwork they have missed. Homework can still be turned in for credit. In the event that a student has an excused absence and has brought a written excuse, they can meet with me during office hours to catch up on classwork.

Students have **5 minutes** to change in between classes. Once class has begun students will be considered tardy. It is the student's responsibility to make it to class on time - and **they can't learn if they're not in class! :)**

IXL: Students will need access to the internet to complete homework assignments through IXL. This website provides additional support for students to continue developing science skills covered in class. IXL provides an individualized learning experience with immediate feedback.

INSPIRE: A unified, three-dimensional approach that helps students develop key skills like collaboration, communication and problem solving. *Inspire Science* is designed to spark students' interest and empower them to ask more questions, think more critically, and generate innovative ideas. *Inspire Science* provides an in-depth, collaborative, evidence based, and a project-based learning experience to place science students on the path to career and college readiness.

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE EXPLORING THE FOLLOWING CONCEPTS OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE:

Intro to Energy – Waves – Gravity, electricity, and magnetism – Force and motion – Matter – Periodic Table

Students, please have your parent or guardian sign the 8th Grade Parent Form located on the NLAE website located under the tab class syllabus.