

**Hill Country Middle School
8th Grade Science Course Syllabus
2018 - 2019**

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Conference Period: 10:30 – 11:00
Conference Period: 12:30 – 1:00
Conference Period: By appointment
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CONTENT/TEXTBOOK:

We are looking forward to teaching eighth grade science this year! In eighth grade, we will focus mostly on earth and space science. In addition, students will develop the necessary skills to be successful scientists through classroom learning and laboratory experiments. The supplied text, iScience by McGraw Hill, and many other resources are used to complement the study. The cost to replace a lost textbook is \$9.99.

SUPPLIES:

All students are required to bring supplies to class daily. The 8th grade supply list includes all the required science materials. The materials needed in science are listed below:

Pens/pencils Folder iPad

SUBJECT SEQUENCE AND DESCRIPTION:

- Scientific Inquiry
- Matter and Energy
- Force and Motion
- Sun, Earth, Moon
- Weather and Climate
- Plate Tectonics
- Astronomy & Electromagnetic Spectrum
- Ecology

GRADING PROCEDURES:

The nine weeks grade will be calculated as follows:

60 % Major (tests/projects)

40 % Skill Development (may include quizzes, learning checks, labs, etc.)

"Eanes ISD middle school teachers are committed to grading and assessing in the best interest of our students. We believe grades and assessments communicate content knowledge, guide instruction, and reveal opportunities for enrichment and intervention."

Grades will be entered into Skyward within five days of the assignment due date except for major assignments, tests, and/or projects.

MAKE UP WORK:

A student who misses assignments or tests due to an absence will be allowed full make up privileges. A student is permitted at least one day for each day absent to complete the work. The student is responsible for obtaining the work from the teacher.

LATE WORK:

Students are expected to complete and turn in all assignments on time. Any missing assignment may result in a loss of points. Students need to meet with their teacher to resolve credit for any missing assignments.

RETESTING:

Students wishing to improve a major grade have the opportunity to demonstrate mastery through retesting upon evidence of relearning. Students who earn below an 80% are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the retest opportunity. A student needs to consult with his/her teacher regarding retesting procedures.

COMMUNICATION/TUTORING TIMES:

The best and quickest way to contact us is through e-mail. Our websites will always have the most up to date information. Students and parents are encouraged to check the website for any upcoming quizzes, tests, or assignments. Our websites can be accessed through the school's main page: <http://hcms.eanesisd.net>

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STUDENT BEHAVIOR:

- **BE PROMPT** - be in the classroom and ready to learn when the tardy bell rings.
- **BE PREPARED** - come to class with the materials you are required to bring.
- **RESPECT OTHER PEOPLES' RIGHTS** - respect my right to teach and each student's right to learn. Also, respect the ideas, opinions, and personal property of others.
- **BE HONEST AT ALL TIMES** – do your own homework, labs, and assignments. Behave with academic integrity on tests. Any violation of this will result in severe consequences.