

INTEGRATED PHYSICAL SCIENCE – COURSE POLICY

San Ramon Valley High School

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Instructor Name and Contact Information

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Website: Schoolloop (All assignments, handouts, projects, and due dates of projects and tests will be posted online)

Office Hours: Tuesdays A period or by Appointment

Course Text:

Prentice Hall Physical Science: Concepts in Action

Course Outline:

The Integrated Physical Science (IPS) curriculum emphasizes how Earth is a unique system that supports life. Earth's biotic and abiotic systems are defined by the interaction of matter and energy through dynamic processes. The standards in IPS present the foundations of physics, chemistry, biology, and earth science. These standards build the knowledge base that prepares the student for biology, life science, or chemistry. The IPS concepts will be further enhanced by having students perform careful scientific investigations.

Required Materials:

- Textbook (May need in class)
- Pen, pencil, eraser, and highlighter (Only black or blue ink should be used for any class assignment)
- Science Journal (provided by instructor – most notes will be taken in the journal)
- 3 Ring Binder (Students should keep all graded work and all worksheets until after the mid-term and final exams) Journals and binders will be collected periodically and checked for completeness and organization.

Class Webpage:

Schoolloop

- All important information for this class can be found on the class web page, including daily agendas, homework assignments, upcoming, test dates, links to web sites, and project information.
- Students will be expected to print out ALL homework assignments.

Grading:

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- Grades will not be discussed during class time Students can make an appointment to discuss grades during office hours, lunch, or after school.
- Students can access their grades using School Loop (students & parents will need to register & create a password)
- Your grade will consist:
 - 30% Standard assessments (Quizzes, Projects, etc.)
 - 20% Midterm/Final
 - 20% Lab Work and Lab Write up
 - 25% Homework and Classwork (Binder and notebook checks)
 - 5% Participation
- 100-90% = A 89-80% = B 79-70% = C 69-60% = D 59% or below = F

Office Hours:

Tuesday A Period and by appointments

Assignments:

- All assignments must be turned in on time, be neat, and legible.
- A record of daily assignments is available on my website
- Homework will be assigned on a regular basis and will have a specific due date
- No spiral paper will be accepted.
- Your full name, date, period, and assignment number, and student code must be located at the top of an 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper for full credit.
- Late work will be accepted for ½ credit up to two weeks after the due date.

Attendance - Tardies

You are expected to come to class every day on time which means you are in your seats and prepared with your material ready when the bell rings. Attendance will affect your participation grade.

Mrs. Ramos Policy

- 1st tardy - warning
- 2nd tardy - 3 points will be deducted from your participation grade
- 3rd tardy - 3 points will be deducted from your participation grade; You will come in at the beginning of lunch for as many minutes as you were late, write a plan of action describing how you will be on time in the future, and your parent will be notified.

Official School Policy

- Three tardies to any one class is considered equivalent to one illegal absence "cut"

Attendance - Illegal Absence "cut"

Definition of a cut: any unexcused absence not cleared by a parent/ guardian, teacher, or coach within 48 hours of missed class.

Mrs. Ramos Policy

- Students may not make up work for illegal absence.
- Each illegal absence will deduct 5 points from your participation grade

Official School Policy

- *1st illegal absence "cut"*: Teacher may assign consequence
- *2nd illegal absence*: Saturday School.
- *3rd illegal absence*: Possible drop from class with loss of credit.

Absent work

You will be allowed to make up work for **excused absences within two days of the absence.**

Mrs. Ramos' Classroom Participation

50 points of classroom participation will be given automatically.

- 3 points will be lost each time a classroom rule is broken
- 3 points will be lost each time a student has an unexcused tardy
- 3 points will be lost each time an electron device is out during the inappropriate times
- 5 point will be lost for an unexcused absence

Expected Behavior

- You are expected to be in class everyday, on time, and ready to work.
- Having all electronic devises turned off and stashed in your backpack (i.e. cell phones and ipods)
 - At some instructed times we will be working with technology on our cell phones and Ipads. Only at this time will these devises be allowed to be out and in use.
 - Look for the technology icon on the board.
 - **Cell phone/ Electronic Policy** - during inappropriate times
 - 1st offense - 3 points off of participation; taken away and brought to the office for the day
 - 2nd offense - 3 points off of participation; taken away and brought to the office for a day; a detention
 - 3rd offense - 3 points off of participation; taken away and brought to the office for a day; a Saturday School
- Having a pen/pencil, binder, and homework out on your desk.
- You are expected to use appropriate language during the class period. Vulgar or offensive language will not be used.
- You are expected to respect, through actions and words, your fellow classmates, teacher, environment, and self. Please leave all prejudices, stereotypes, and judgments at the door before entering the classroom.
 - " District policy states that harassment in or out of the classroom is not to be tolerated. Harassment based on race, ethnicity, able-bodiedness, sexuality, perceived sexuality, gender, gender expression, monetary standing, religion or faith-base, or any other factor will be reported to the administration and dealt with accordingly. This includes slang such as "that's so gay" or "that's retarded." Both are considered hate speech."

Success Tips:

1. Attend class daily.
2. Turn in all work on time, neatly, and legibly.
3. Make an effort to do all of your work
4. Participate in class discussions and take notes.
5. Cooperate and participate during labs.
6. Review and study often.
7. Keep all worksheets, quizzes, and tests in your binder in chronological order
8. Take down the names and phone numbers of three classmates in each of your classes that you could call if you are absent or if you are having difficulty with an assignment.
9. Use study partners and review with each other before a major test.
10. Use Cornell note taking techniques (will be taught in class).