

Mrs. Davenport's Science Classes

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! This sheet will serve as a reminder of the things you will need for my class as well as what's expected of you.

Materials:

- Binder with paper
- Pencils or blue or black pens for turned-in assignments
- Other helpful materials:
 - o Calculator—science often requires math.
 - o Highlighter—helpful when studying notes.

Occasionally, labs and projects will require special materials. You will be well informed of these cases.

A note about laptops: It is acceptable to view your e-textbook, take notes, and complete homework on your laptop. Any homework done on the laptop should be pulled up and ready to be checked when class starts. However, I would like you to have a supply of paper and a writing utensil with you in class. If you are caught playing on your laptop during class, your laptop privileges will be revoked.

Homework Policy:

Yes, you'll have homework most days. It may be picked up or simply checked for completion. When we go over homework in class, you will be responsible for correcting your answers. Failing to correct homework will result in a loss of points on that assignment. Homework is due at the beginning of the class period unless otherwise specified. Late homework may be turned in for half credit up to a week after the due date. After that, it may not be turned in and you will receive a zero. If you are absent, there is a "missed work" board on which homework is posted. You should turn in any homework due while you were absent no later than the next class upon your return. Extended absences will be given special consideration.

Labs:

Labs are also a part of your science grade. You will often be required to fill out a lab sheet reporting your procedures and findings. They should be taken seriously. Labs can be fun while being educational, but only if lab rules are followed. They are posted clearly and should be respected not only for your safety but the safety of others. Abiding by lab rules ensures more labs later on and keeps you from losing points or being removed from the lab. Working together to



keep the classroom and lab clean and organized allows me to set up labs quickly and easily. This means more labs for you!

Expectations/Conduct Policy:

You are expected to be on time and prepared for class each day we meet. While in class, you are expected to be attentive and courteous to me and your fellow students. You will receive 10 participation points per class. Misbehavior will result in a strike. The first strike leads to a 1-point deduction from your conduct grade. The second is a 2-point deduction from your conduct grade. A third strike is an after-school detention and another 2-point deduction. Any further strikes result in a trip to the office and further deductions. Severe misbehaviors, like disrespect or playing in the lab, will earn a direct trip to the office. Suspensions, unexcused absences, or direct trips to the office result in a zero.

In order to get respect, you must earn it. This is the basis for Mrs. D's rules:

- Respect yourself and your future.
- Respect your fellow students and their right to learn.
- Respect your teacher.
- Respect your school's property and community.

Good behavior earns stickers, which can lead to treats, homework passes, etc.

TeacherEase/Mrs. D's Website:

Our online resources are great ways to communicate with teachers, parents, and students. Grades are updated at least once a week. Using TeacherEase, you'll be able to find your current average and any missing work you may have. On my webpage, you'll find study guides, review games, and other information, like project sheets, calendars, links, and even pictures or videos of your class doing fun stuff. My website is <http://rachaeldavenport.franklinhigh.com>.

Extra Credit:

Extra credit is offered in the form of logic problems. They are worth 5 points each and you may turn in 20 per quarter.

Contact Information:

The best way to reach me is by email. I check it often throughout the day and it is sent to my phone when I'm not at school. Your parent may also call me at school. If you have a question, comment, or just want to say hi, email or call!



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