

**Dear Students and Families,**

Please sign up for Remind for text or email message reminders of quizzes, tests, project due dates, etc. Text @nsbsci to 81010. Reply to response with your full name to complete sign up if prompted.

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**What do I need?**

* **Two** 11 X 8 ½ (**make sure this paper fits**) spiral notebook (1 subject),
* Loose leaf notebook paper (**Paper should NOT be torn from spiral**)
* 3X5 notecards
* Be prepared with supplies and to work EVERYDAY- for class and for individual sessions. Don’t expect other students to supply paper and pencil.

**What will we be DOING in class?**

* Each day when you enter you should get out your planner, ISN, pencil/pen. Phones and earbuds should be in a bag unless being used for specific teacher assigned work.
* Look at the overhead projector to see if there are any handouts to be picked up or “First 5” assignment to do. You will use your ISN **EVERYDAY**.

**How will I be Graded?**

* **FINAL GRADE: Formative Assessment**

**(Quizzes/Classwork/Homework/Self Check Formative Assessments) = 40%**

**Summative Assessment**

**(Projects/Labs/DIAs (Tests)/Activities = 60%**

**Test Corrections:** Students are welcome to workshop/retake summative assessments by coming in to office hours within the week of the assessment.

**\*\***All missing formative assignments can be made up anytime BEFORE the DIA/Test. Work not turned in by this deadline will remain a zero.

**What if I am absent or late?**

* You must come to class on time and be ready to participate.
* If you miss class, you may get you assignments in the following ways:

1. Go to the class website under “Daily Lessons.”
2. Look at the class ISN for the page you are missing.
3. Get the directions from another student’s ISN.
4. Go to the “Were you Absent?” box and look under the day you were absent for any handouts that may have been passed out. Note: No handouts does not mean that was not an assignment.

* If you are absent for a test, you will be expected to make it up the day you return.
* If you are late to class without a pass, do **NOT** knock on the door, go directly to the late room. Directions are posted on the door. If you are not in the room you are counted absent. However, you must come see me during office hours/afterschool the same day to get your missed assignment. It will be due in the same time frame as the rest of the class.

**Homework Policy:**

Students who are submitting late work (due to absence) have one day, or one day for each day absent (whichever is greater), to submit work unless the teacher determines there are extenuating circumstances which necessitate an extension.

**Intervention and Remediation:**

The focus of instruction should be on getting students to achieve their full learning potential.

* When students demonstrate a lack of mastery on standards they may receive intervention(s) that require them to attend office hours on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week. Office hours take place during the first thirty minutes of the lunch period on the three assigned days listed above.
* Each 9 week grading period, students shall have the opportunity to retake at least one summative assessment. Additional retakes shall be determined based upon individual student data.

**Grade Scale for High Schools:**

Letter grades are a reflection of the student’s level of academic achievement on the courses’ performance standards as defined in the middle school curriculum guides/maps. The following grade scale shall be used to determine a letter grade and the following quality point system shall be used to determine grade point average and honor roll:

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| **Grade** | **Grade Range** | | **Quality Points** | | **Description** |
| **A** | 90-100 | | 4.0 | | Outstanding Progress (Mastery) |
| **B** | 80-89 | | 3.0 | | Above Average Progress |
| **C** | 70-79 | | 2.0 | | Average Progress (Proficiency) |
| **D** | 60-69 | | 1.0 | | Lowest Acceptable Progress |
| **F** | 0-59 | | 0.0 | | Failure |
| **I** | | 0.0 | | In progress toward grade level proficiency  in skills and concepts | |

**Class Participation:**

All students are expected to take an active part in the learning environment of the classroom. This means coming to class on time and being prepared to learn.

**Academic Dishonesty:**

The Volusia County School Board’s Code of Student Conduct has defined Academic Dishonesty as a level II offense. Academic Dishonesty is defined as “Dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the school district. Such behavior may result in reduction in grades, classroom discipline as determined by the instructor, suspension or expulsion from school and/or school activities including student organization”.



Parent Response Page: Please keep the top portion and return the bottom completed and signed. Thank you.

Additional Information:

A copy of these class guidelines can be found on the class website at [www.nsbscience.weebly.com](http://www.nsbscience.weebly.com). I encourage you to bookmark it for quick access. My email is [srjarret@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:srjarret@volusia.k12.fl.us), please contact me with any questions or concerns.

The website should be used regularly by the student to access links to Gradebook, short video clips, description of what was done in class that day, copies of handouts, links to EOC exam review, etc. under “Daily Lessons.”

If you would like to know how your student is doing in class, not only can you check Gradebook but also ask to see their ISN. Pages should be complete, neat, with good written explanations of concepts, labeled diagrams or drawings should have some color, notes should have summaries of at least five sentences at bottom in their own words. Periodically, I may send home a Rubric and ask that you assessment your student’s ISN. This should only take about 10 minutes and accomplishes a lot: you get a good idea of your student’s work and how they may be struggling, your student sees that you are aware of what is going on in class, and it opens up communication with your student.

Please print your name and sign below and give me your current contact information. In most cases I will use email to contact you. If you receive an email from me please let me know you’ve read it by responding to it.

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*After reading these expectations, we understand that the grade received in this class is a reflection of the student’s effort put in.*

*Student Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Student Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Parent Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*Contact Information:*

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*At home, do you have reliable: Computer: Y / N Internet: Y / N Printer: Y / N* ***please circle******yes or no***