

Supplies

You are expected to have a binder, notebook or folder dedicated to science. If you are unable to provide this, please speak to the teacher after class. It is helpful to bring a separate 3-ring binder with dividers (all handouts must be kept until test day and are pre-hole punched), line paper, pen (blue or black), 2 pencils and eraser. Also *recommended* are colored pencils, whiteboard markers, and calculator.

Irrelevant belongings

Irrelevant belongings such as cell phones, CD/MP3 players, headphones, make-up, magazines, games etc. will be confiscated without warning if seen by the teacher (even when turned off) per Student Handbook.

Labs

Lab time is not free time. It is structured and you must work diligently. It is extremely important that you pay attention and follow all instructions. If you have any questions, please ask immediately. In the next few days, you will receive a lab safety contract. You will be tested on this contract and will be able to participate in labs once you score an 80% on this test. Once this is achieved, you will be given a lab license. This will enable you to participate in labs. However, if you break any of the lab rules or act in an unsafe manner you may have your licensed revoked and will be required to retake the safety test.

Grades

Grades consist of tests, projects/labs, class/homework, quizzes, daily participation, and activities. Some grades require students to use multiple science skills or take several days, these will be weighted more. Grades will be added to EdLine at least once a week. Please check website for updated grades and weights for categories.

Grade Guidelines	
A	93 - 100
B	85 - 92
C	75 - 84
D	65 - 74
F	0 - 64

Science Fair Projects

Science fair projects are required by the Mineral County Board of Education. Projects will be due in December. In the following weeks, students will have an opportunity to use the computer lab to search for project ideas, and/or books provided in the classroom. Please make sure that the Acceptable Use Policy is returned, so your child is able to use the computers.