# SCIENCE 20F COURSE OUTLINE

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# GE STURGEON HEIGHTS COLLEGIATE

# **Topics of Study**

During the semester, we will study each of the following topics (not necessarily in the order listed):

- 1. Ecosystems
- 2. Chemical Reactions
- 3. Physics of Motion
- 4. Weather

#### **Evaluation**

Students will be evaluated according to the following scheme:

Unit Tests	70%
Daily Work	20%
Labs	10%
	100%

Most assignments / tests / etc. are marked and entered into PowerSchool within 48 hours of submission. As such, checking PowerSchool regularly is the best (and most recommended) way to keep up with how you are doing in my course.

Grades can be viewed online, at any time, by visiting https://ps.sjsd.net/

#### **Course Website**

All of the class notes for this course are posted on my website. You can access them at any time by visiting <a href="http://www.smith-teach.com">http://www.smith-teach.com</a>

## **Supplies**

Students are responsible for bringing the following items every day:

- binder and paper
- pen and/or pencil
- a basic scientific calculator may be needed during certain topics
- a positive attitude and willingness to learn

#### **Missed Tests**

Tests will be scheduled and announced well in advance of the test date. Students who are absent on the day of a test will be expected to speak to me immediately upon their return to class in order to arrange to write the missed test. In some cases, students may need to write an alternate test in place of the original.

#### **Incomplete Assignments**

All assignments will be given a due date by the teacher. This date will be clearly communicated to students.

Assignments that are not completed by the due date will be assigned a mark of zero and labeled as missing (M) in PowerSchool. Assignments labeled missing may still be handed in for marks, minus a 10% late penalty, until the end of the unit in which they were assigned.

Note: The end of a unit is considered to be the day before the test for that unit.

Once the end of the unit has passed, the missing label will be removed from any assignments that are still incomplete. At this point, the mark of zero is permanent and the assignment will no longer be accepted.

In the event that incomplete assignments may mean the difference between passing and failing the course, students may be given the opportunity to complete alternate assignments in place of the originals.

## Cheating

Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating on a test will be awarded a mark of zero for that assessment.

#### **Cell Phones and Music Players**

Phones and music players distract students from lessons and present a safety risk during lab activities. For this reason, students are not permitted to use either during lessons or labs.

#### **Additional Rules**

- Jackets must be left in lockers at all times, in accordance with school policy.
- Food and drinks in the classroom are acceptable, provided you clean up your own mess.

#### Extra Help

If you require additional help, beyond what is offered in class, please speak to me to arrange an appropriate time. **Do not wait until the last minute to seek help!** 

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,		
Please complete the following form in order to indicate that you have read and understood the information contained in my course outline for Science 20F. Once you have signed it, please detach this page from the course outline and have your student return it to me.		
Student Name (Print)	Parent Name (Print)	

Parent Email

Parent Signature

Student Email

Student Signature