

Grade 8- Sciences

Mme. Taylor's Communication Plan
Oyster Pond Academy
2023-2024

What materials do students need?

The following materials are required for this course. **Please check with your child throughout the year to ensure they still have enough pencils and paper.**

Binder

Eraser

Duotang

Looseleaf

Pencils

What happens if a student misses a class?

Students are responsible to find out what they have missed and get any notes and handouts. They must check the "Missing work" bulletin board for any missed notes or assignments, as well as Google Classroom.

How will the teacher communicate homework?

Homework will be posted on Google Classroom, with all upcoming due dates in each class. In the event of exceptional work, chronic absences, or missing work a phone call home can be expected.

When can students get Extra Help?

Extra help is offered at lunch and may be requested by students at any time.

What resources will students use?

Students will use various books/textbooks at an appropriate level, articles/newspaper clippings, dictionaries and bescherelles.

Course Outline

This year HRCE is implementing a renewed 7/8 curriculum, which focuses more on collaboration, project-based learning and inquiry-based learning. The link to the renewed curriculum is listed below. The topics we will be covering are: healthy cells, healthy systems, climate change and hydraulic and pneumatic systems.

Curriculum Document:

<https://curriculum.novascotia.ca/french-immersion/course/sciences-8e-annee-science-8>

How will students be assessed?

Outcomes will be assessed through student observation, conversations, and student performance on assignments, entrance/exit slips, projects, quizzes and tests. The **dates of upcoming assessments will be posted on the board** in the classroom and on **the website**. **Parents are also encouraged to track their child's progress via logging into PowerSchool. This shows marks on assessments and attendance.**

Levels of Achievement

Each outcome is assessed three times, all within about two weeks; therefore students have multiple opportunities to succeed at each outcome. Formative assessments are given when learning a new outcome. This allows teachers to pinpoint any misunderstandings and provide students with feedback, so they can improve their understanding of the outcome and do better on the next assessment with the same outcome. Every outcome will be assessed on a 4 - 1 scale. **1** or **2** are NOT meeting expectations, whereas **3** or **4** are meeting the expectations.

Achievement Level	Description
4	In - depth knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Able to extend the application of related skills.
3+	Competent +
3	Competent knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Appropriate application of the related skills.
2+	Developing +
2	Developing knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Developing in the application of the related skills.
1+	Limited +
1	Limited knowledge and understanding of content and concepts. Limited application of related skills.

Report Card Language

There are three terms in junior high school, students will receive three report cards throughout the year. The report card will show a percentage mark for any units taught during the given term. The following will be used to summarize academic achievement in relationship to the academic outcomes:

90-100% - excellent or outstanding understanding of the concepts.

80-89% - very good understanding of the concepts.

70-79% - good performance understanding of the concepts.

60-69% - satisfactory understanding of the concepts.

50-59% - minimally acceptable understanding of the concepts.

Below 50% - not met minimum requirements to show understanding of the concepts.

How can students succeed in this class?

- Be prepared, on time and on task
- Respect your teacher, peers, classroom and yourself
- Be responsible for your own learning
- Clean up after yourself

I look forward to working with your students this year. You are welcome to contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns. Please see my contact information below:

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