

General Information for Grade 9 Science

Materials required for course

calculator, metric ruler, pen, pencil, eraser, 3- ringer binder, lined paper, blank paper, text book.
All materials must be brought to class every day.

If you know you are going to be away

Tell me in advance. I will do my best to tell you what we are going to do in class and you will be better prepared upon your return. This is especially important if you are going to miss a quiz or test or something that is due to be handed in.

If you miss class

You have to get caught up. You are responsible to see me right away when you return to school even if you don't have Science that day. I will give you any handouts and homework. You will probably need to meet another student in your class to copy the notes.

If you miss a quiz or test and do not see me as soon as you return to school, you could get ZERO for that evaluation. So do not let it go.

The best way to study

Re-read all your notes many times and practice drawing all structures, reactions, graphs and diagrams. Be familiar with all labs, assignments, and homework you have done. Making your own study notes is fine but you are responsible for ALL the material covered, not just what you choose to put in your study notes.

Make use of the glossary and the index in the text-book. Read the actual information in the text-book and learn how to use the Internet and my website: www.savitapall.com

I am available for extra help most mornings, lunches, and after school. If you are having difficulties, face it head on and get help right away.

Type of questions on quizzes, tests and exams

Multiple choice, true-false, matching, written answers, i.e. definitions, explanations, thinking and inquiry), drawing structures, reactions, graphs, diagrams, and labelling diagrams; etc.

Format for submissions

Projects, formal lab reports, and assignments should be neatly presented with a title cover, and must be done on the computer. Computer facilities are available in the library and in many computer labs at the school. Learn to use your wordprocessing software. Learn how to use the TAB button to align text. learn how to use subscript and the superscript for typing chemical formulas. All titles and special headings should be underlined.

Part of your grade for all submissions will be neatness and presentation.

Remember that the nicer your submission are, the more you will enjoy studying from them later for quizzes/tests/exam.

Safety in the lab

Food, drinks, CD players, etc. are not allowed in the lab. Safety glasses are necessary and required. Failure to observe the rules will result in removal from the lab and a mark of ZERO for that evaluation. Be safe not sorry!!!

Final comments

Grade 9 Science is a critical course not only for graduation from high school but for your understanding of future science courses. A studious and positive attitude is necessary for you to get the most out of your education. I am here to help you along and welcome you to see me whenever you run into trouble. Don't be ashamed if you are having difficulties. If you take the time to work through them, you will be on your way to a very successful experience at Colonel By!

I encourage you to participate in class discussions. If you do not participate, it is harder for me to know how well you are learning the material. By answering (and asking) questions, I get a better feel for where you are at and can evaluate you more effectively.