

Goals for this course:

- **Learn WHY things happen the way they do**
- **Learn to think/question like a scientist**
- **Learn connections between math and science**

Each semester your marking period grades will be based on a point system. For example, each assignment, homework, tests, and a Final Exam, will be given a number of points. The total number of points for each marking period could vary due to the number of assignments you will be given.

I. Supplies

- a. Chromebook will be needed daily, with charger.
- b. Folder for materials (notes, assignments, labs, and handouts)
- c. Paper and pencils
- d. Textbooks – There is a classroom set in the room available for use. They are not to be taken out of the classroom.

II. Point Values:

Assignments	5-20 points
Monthly Articles	25 points
Labs/Activities for each Chapter	20 points
Tests for each Chapter	50 points

You must have attempted the work to earn points. Leaving a problem completely blank is unacceptable. At least show what you know, what you need to know, and equations/concepts that you feel may be important. Plan and use your time wisely in class every day.

- a. All assignments are given a due date for full credit. Assignments will need to be in by the end of the school on its due date.
- b. Late work will be counted for a maximum of 70% of the points. If work is consistently turned in late, late work may no longer be accepted. Major assignments like labs may be accepted up to 2 days late for a maximum of half credit. (For some projects, late work will not be accepted at all.) If work is completed AFTER the due date, it is the student's responsibility to notify the teacher that the work has been submitted via email.

- III. Tests will be given on each chapter. Students will be given the chance to do test corrections following each test. Test corrections will be due within one week of the return of the test. Students can earn half the points back up, up to a maximum of 10%, by correctly reworking the missed questions. Corrections must be done on separate paper and give a **detailed** explanation of why the correct answer is correct, or show the correct calculation for a math problem. **All missed questions must be corrected for the corrections to be graded.**

IV. Attendance policy: The classroom attendance policy is aligned with the Marysville High School policy. Below are the key points:

Excused Absences: You are allowed four (4) excused absences per marking period without a grade reduction. After four (4) excused absences within a six (6) week period, a 3% grade reduction will take place for each excused absence that follows.

Unexcused Absences: You are not allowed any unexcused absences. Unexcused absences will result in the student's grade lowered 3% for each unexcused absence.

Tardies: You are considered tardy to class if you are not in the classroom when the bell finishes ringing. If you arrive within ten (10) minutes, you will be considered tardy. If you arrive after ten (10) minutes, you will be considered absent.

REMEMBER: Tardies will impact you in the following ways:

1. Three (3) excused tardies equal one (1) excused absence.
2. Two (2) unexcused tardies equal one (1) unexcused absence.

YOU MUST HAVE A PASS EXCUSING YOU FROM THE OFFICE/TEACHER YOU ARE COMING FROM TO BE CONSIDERED EXCUSED

V. FIT (Room A216) or Computer Lab 3

Whenever you begin struggling with the course, we expect that you will be in one of our FIT's to receive help.

VI. Internet Sources: We will be using the web based program Google Classroom for this course. A majority of the assignments will be electronic and handed in through Google Classroom or a shared file in Google Drive.

Website: **dmgeorge.weebly.com**

Any assignment handed out in class on paper will be available online on Mr. George's Weebly page. Any assignment can be accessed here on the Web and printed out per student need.

VII. The concepts in this class may be difficult and confusing. If at any point you become confused, see one of us ASAP. We are very willing to help, but you must ask. Do not allow yourself to fall behind.

VIII. Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, we can be contacted at:

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