

# Course Syllabus

**Teacher:** Mr. Nicholas Amendolare      namendolare@mpsd.org      Ext. 46413

**Topics:**

|                            |                                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Unit 1: The Metric System  | Unit 5: Our Solar System & Beyond |
| Unit 2: Basic Chemistry    | Unit 6: Evolution                 |
| Unit 3: Chemical Reactions | Unit 7: Environmental Science     |
| Unit 4: Sun, Earth, Moon   |                                   |

## **Essential Materials:**

1. A three-ring binder, with the pages kept in order (each page is numbered).
2. Blank notebook/filler paper (three-hole punched) and pens/pencils.
3. Students also need to have access to a scientific calculator, though one is not needed daily.

## **Behavior:**

Individual behavior problems are addressed using a four-strike policy. If the teacher is required to stop class to address a behavior problem, the responsible students will be given “a strike.” Your 1<sup>st</sup> strike of the year is just a warning. Your 2<sup>nd</sup> strike will have you removed from the class and an email will be sent home to your parents. The 3<sup>rd</sup> strike will have you removed from class and put on “Lab Probation” where you will have to miss the next science lab. The 4<sup>th</sup> strike will have you sent to the office for discipline.

## **Homework:**

Homework is typically assigned about two nights per week. Each one is worth 5-10 points depending on the length of the assignment. Late homework can usually be handed in for partial credit if arrangements are made with the teacher.

## **Makeup Work:**

Students returning from absences have the responsibility of completing all makeup work. Students are expected to visit the course website, read about the lesson they missed, and complete any assignments. If they need help with the lesson, students must stay after school for extra help. Extra care must be taken by those that are absent for tests. Usually, I will give students a week to make up any missed work.

## **Grading:**

|                           |                               |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Tests: 100 points         | HW: 5-10 points each          | Labs: 5 points per day  |
| Online Quizzes: 20 points | Essays/Projects: 20-30 points | Binder Check: 30 points |

## **Extra Help:**

Extra help is available, upon request, any day after school. However, keep in mind that arrangements must be made with Mr. A beforehand and that late busses run Monday and Wednesday.

## **Website:**

Daily updates and all class materials are posted on [www.MrAscience.com](http://www.MrAscience.com) along with any worksheets, PowerPoints, videos, or other class materials. Students should make a habit of visiting the website often, especially if they have missed a class.