

Physical Science
Mr. Kahn, Room 2B2
Course Requirements and Outline

Greetings and welcome to a new school year. It is my hope that you will find Physical Science interesting, fun, and not too stressful. To this end I will make a few suggestions to make your year successful. Just a few things you ought to be aware of about how I run my classroom and calculate your grades. First I insist that we all maintain a civil if not polite attitude towards each other. Trust me when I tell you that you will rarely get the chance to choose your co-workers. So we may as well get used to the idea of working with someone we may not be crazy about. Perhaps there is something to be learned about ourselves and how we get along in society. Next I am a real pain in the neck about keeping a neat well-organized notebook. If a sloppy, poorly organized lout like myself can learn to keep a neat notebook anyone can. Your notebook will be graded whenever you take a test so this is an important part of your class grade and a useful tool in preparing for tests. Which brings me to my grading policy. It is as follows:

1-Tests & Quizzes	30%
2- Labs & Homework	40%
3- Notebook	20%
4- Class Participation	10%

Each quarter students will be given approximately 2 tests, 5 quizzes, 10 labs and 20 homework assignments. In each marking period your lowest lab or homework grade will be omitted. Labs & homework will loose 20 points per week past their due date.

Course Outline

- 1- Analysis, Inquiry & Design
 - 2- Measurement & Graphing
 - 3- Astronomy
 - 4- Rocks & Minerals
 - 5- Plate Tectonics & Earthquakes
 - 6- Weather/ Climate
 - 7- Erosion & Deposition
 - 8- Chemistry
 - 9- Energy
 - 10- Physics
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These topics and others will be presented through notes, class discussion, labs reading and demonstrations.

If you have any questions regarding the course content or grading policy or any other question relating to your grade in Physical Science please feel free to call me at **392-1560 Extension 2046** or email me at kahnj@chatham.k12.ny.us I anticipate a great year and look forward to working with you.