

Anaheim Union High School District

Lexington Junior High School

Integrated Science 8

Mr. Elliott

Curriculum Letter

Course Description: This is a one year science course for 8th grade students. The goal of this course is to expand knowledge of the following concepts: Energy, Forces, Collisions; Noncontact Forces; Space Science; Earth through Time; Evolution and Biotechnology; Waves; and Technology and Human Impact on Earth Systems. A core element of our class is the focus on the skills & conceptual tools that are critical for 21st Century learners. These skills are embodied in the 5Cs: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Creativity, & Character. The 5Cs express the mindsets that are critical for our students to successfully participate in the evolving workforce. We will incorporate the 5Cs into all learning experiences within our classroom. Manifestation of the 5Cs will often come from project-based learning focusing on problem-solving, collaboration, critical-thinking skills, and time management skills.

Textbook: Students will be using California HMH Science Dimensions online textbook.

Homework Policy: Homework will be assigned daily and will usually be submitted via Schoology or in their Science notebook which will be handwritten and turned in at the end of each quarter. Each homework assignment is designed to reinforce the current day's lesson or the current unit of study.

Grading Policy: Students earn a grade by accumulating points from assignments, labs & simulations, quizzes & tests, projects as well as participation & peer collaboration. Grades will be available to view through Aeries. Grades will typically be posted once a week.

Cheating or Forgery will result in a "0" on the assignment/test, a referral and a "U" in citizenship. If one student allows another student to copy, both students will receive zeros on the assignment and a referral.

100-90% = A    89-80% = B    79-70% = C    69-60% = D    59-50% = F

“Classroom” Expectations:

Students MUST sign into the google form for attendance on asynchronous days. (T/Th)

Be on time to class.

When attending a videoconferencing class, students must communicate and behave with the same respect and consideration you would use in the classroom

Students are required to show themselves (camera on) when videoconferencing.

When not speaking on the videoconference, students should please “mute” so others aren’t distracted.

Students may use a headset if there is background noise. (music/TV)

Students should communicate proactively with their teachers if they cannot meet deadlines or if they require additional support

Students may collaborate with and support their AUHSD peers in their learning.

Students should comply with AUHSD’s Acceptable Use Policy, including expectations for online etiquette

Students are expected to be dressed in appropriate school attire and follow the dress code.

Feel free to contact me at [elliott\\_d@auhsd.us](mailto:elliott_d@auhsd.us) with any questions or concerns.

I am available for google meetings as well.

Respectfully,

David Elliott