

North Monterey County Middle School

8th Grade Science Syllabus 2020-2021

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Text/Online - Amplify Science by the Lawrence Hall of Science

Course Description -

The 8th Grade Amplify Science Curriculum is an integrated approach to teaching science that puts the students in the roles of scientists and engineers to figure out real world phenomena. We will be covering the following Science Units throughout the year:

NGSS Science Units

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| 1) Harnessing Human Energy | 5) Earth, Moon, and Sun, |
| 2) Force and Motion | 6) Natural Selection |
| 3) Magnetic Fields | 7) Evolutionary History |
| 4) Light Waves | |

Grading Standards	Grading Scale	Grading Policy						
90 - 100 % A	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 60%;">Category</th> <th style="width: 40%;">Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Assessments/ Argument</td> <td style="text-align: center;">80 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent work/ Classwork</td> <td style="text-align: center;">20 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Category	Percentage	Assessments/ Argument	80 %	Independent work/ Classwork	20 %	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For full credit, the work is to be submitted, completed and turned in on time. All assessments/ argument essays may be re-taken or re-written, to improve your grade. Check your grade weekly on illuminate.
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<u>Zoom Expectations</u>	<u>Consequences for not Following Directions</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be on time. Log on a few minutes early. 2. Use your first and last name as your Zoom screen name. 3. Keep yourself on mute until it is time for you to speak. 4. Use the chat or raise your hand if you have a question. 5. Keep your video on as much as possible. 6. Take care of your personal business before class (use the restroom, eat, set up your work space prior to class). 7. Make sure your clothing and background are appropriate. 8. Join class from a distraction-free zone to the best of your ability (no pets, siblings, etc.). 9. Respond when the teacher asks a question. 10. Be engaged, focused, and participate in the lesson at all times. 11. Do not take pictures of the video meeting. 	<p>1st Offense - Verbal Warning (Be specific to the expectation not followed)</p> <p>2nd Offense - Feature Restriction (Teacher Controls access to mic, video or chat)</p> <p>3rd Offense - Removal from Zoom Class followed up by parent conference.</p> <p>Continued offenses will result in referral to administration.</p>