

Science 8th Grade Course Outline 2026-2027

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Room 34
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Course Description

In this course, students will use the HMH Into Science ebook resources to explore on various themes:

- Cells and Organization in Organisms
- Reproduction, Heredity, and Growth
- Matter and Energy in Living Systems
- Ecosystem Dynamics
- History of Life on Earth
- Evolution

Student Expectations

Students will be required to bring their pencil case, water bottle, laptop, notebook and folder. Students will not be allowed to eat or drink anything else but water during class. Once students enter the classroom, they are expected to follow the instructions for the day and participate in class discussions.

Students will be given activity worksheets (on paper or Google Classrooms). Most daily work is posted on Google Classroom and online, thus, students are expected to come to class with a fully-charged laptop.

If an assignment is not submitted on time by the due date, a 0 will be put on their grade sheet and the student will be required to attend WIN to complete the assignment. If a student requires more time to complete the assessment, it will be the student's responsibility to inform the teacher and give a valid reason for requiring extra time. If the teacher deems the reason legitimate, the teacher will set a new due date for the assignment. If a student is unable to complete the assignment by the new date a zero will be the grade for this assignment.

Earning Your Grade

Your grade will be determined by your work in the following categories:

6Ps Students are expected to be positive, pleasant, polite, prepared, punctual and productive in class.	10%
Daily Work Any in-class assignment or activity completed in a day. This includes participating in class discussions.	25%
Quizzes Assessments after a set of lessons.	20%

Progress Tests Progress Tests are summative assessments given at the end of every quarter to cover all material learned in that unit.	20%
Projects There will be a project at the end of each quarter. This will typically require multiple days to complete. Students are required to research, create, and apply what they learned on a certain topic. Projects may include additional elements such as organization or group work, and a presentation.	25%

The grading scale for this course will be:

A+	98-100
A	93-97
B+	90-92
B	85-89
C+	82-84
C	77-81
D+	74-76
D	70-73
F	69 or below

Important

Announcements regarding quizzes, progress tests, and projects will be posted on Google Classroom. Students will be assessed with quizzes, progress tests, and projects on a quarterly basis. Students may also be required to work on longer project assignments involving researching and/or presentations. Projects will take several lessons to complete and will be scheduled at least once per quarter.