

	8TH GRADE SCIENCE GRAND SALINE MIDDLE SCHOOL 2025-2026	DR. GARY NASH 400 Stadium Drive Grand Saline, TX 75140 Gary.nash@gsisdschools.net (903) 962-7537 ext. 317
Science, as defined by the National Academy of Sciences, is the “use of evidence to construct testable explanations and predictions of natural phenomena, as well as the knowledge generated through this process.” Grade 8 science is interdisciplinary in nature; however, much of the content focus is on earth and space science. Students will investigate units of study in a variety of groupings using direct investigations and technology.		
COURSE CURRICULUM OVERVIEW	CLASS EXPECTATIONS	CLASS ASSIGNMENTS
<p>1st Six Weeks Safety/ Investigation Procedures Unit 01: Investigating Properties of Matter Unit 02: Investigating Chemical Reactions</p> <p>2nd Six Weeks Unit 03: Investigating Force and Motion Unit 04: Investigating Waves</p> <p>3rd Six Weeks Unit 04: Investigating Waves Unit 05: Investigating the Universe Unit 06: Investigating Global Weather Systems</p> <p>4th Six Weeks Unit 07: Investigating Climate Change Unit 08: Investigating Ecosystems</p> <p>5th Six Weeks Unit 08: Investigating Ecosystems Unit 09: Investigating Cell Structures and Functions Unit 10: Investigating Traits of Organisms</p> <p>6th Six Weeks Unit 10: Investigating Traits of Organisms) Unit 11: Student-Designed Investigations and Solutions</p> <p><u>TEXAS SCIENCE</u> McGraw Hill</p>	<p>BE PROMPT Arrive to class on time, (phones turned off and out of sight), begin lesson warm-up.</p> <p>BE PREPARED Bring materials needed for class (science notebook, pen/pencil, paper, etc.).</p> <p>BE POLITE Behave positively and professionally as young ladies and gentlemen; no bullying behavior; respect others; inform the teacher if a problem occurs.</p> <p>BE PRODUCTIVE Do your best work, best handwriting, stay on task, ask and answer questions, follow directions, complete and turn in assignments on time.</p> <p>BE SUCCESSFUL</p>	<p>Grading 60% Daily/Homework 40% Test/Projects</p> <p>HOMEWORK Unfinished assignments or assigned practice sheets are due the next day unless otherwise noted. Occasional projects may be assigned.</p> <p>ABSENT WORK Missed work is due upon return to school per student handbook</p> <p>LATE WORK Accepted for extenuating circumstances without penalty. Grades for other late work may be reduced.</p> <p>REDO/RETAKE Incomplete assignments and failed test may be redone or retaken when approved by the teacher</p> <p>Extra Credit Available on request to the teacher.</p>
<p>SUPPLIES See the 8th Grade School Supply List</p>		<p>NO LAB FEE</p>
<p align="center">TECHNOLOGY REMINDERS</p> Please check the school webpage for campus updates. Keep your Chromebook charged and ready for class.		
<p>Keep this syllabus in the important papers section of your binder. Share with your parent and return the following page by the date indicated.</p>		

RETURN FORM OR RESPOND BY EMAIL BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Gary.nash@gsisdschools.net

Follow instructions carefully and timely. Acknowledge this notice by August 22 to receive full credit.

I have read and understand the attached classroom syllabus for policies and procedures:

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Parent Printed Name

Parent Signature

Student Information:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle I. _____

Preferred Name: _____

Parent contact information will be obtained from campus enrollment data, however if there is an alternate or preferred method please note below the additional information:

Do you have internet access at home? _____

What extra-curricular/or other activities does your child participate in or out of school?

Optional Information

What do I need to know about your child in order to help make 2025-26 a very successful year?

If your child has a need or other situation that I should be aware of, or if you have any questions or concerns, please include them here or contact me through the school email.