



2017-18 General Science 2 Syllabus

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Course Description:

The 8th grade science curriculum at Mar Vista Academy is based on the Next Generation Science Standards and the State of California Health Standards. Students will explore real-world science problems through inquiry and experimentation. Emphasis will be placed on collaborative lab work, science literacy, technology integration, and critical thinking skills.

Topics cover this year: Earth and Solar System, Energy and Waves, Forces, Diversity of Life on Earth, Evolution of Life on Earth, and Engineering.

Grading:

Grading will occur on a variety of assignments, including interactive science notebook, homework, lab reports, group work, tests, quizzes, presentations, participation and projects.

Grade distribution (%): A 93-100; A- 90-92; B+ 87-89; B 83-86; B- 80-82; C+ 77-79; C 73-76; C- 70-72; D+ 67-69; D 63-66; D- 60-62; F 59 and under.

Monitoring Grades:

You can monitor your child's progress through www.jupitergrades.com. Periodic emails will be sent home regarding progress; we strongly encourage you to provide a current email address to the school if we don't already have one on file.

Academic Support for All Students:

We believe that all students can and will meet minimum academic competencies at Mar Vista Academy. To strive for this, every two weeks, students will be assessed on the skills and knowledge (concepts) taught in General Science 2 and an after school re-teach/re-learn/re-assess session will be provided to students who need additional support.