



# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Exploratory Syllabus

## Della Icenhower Intermediate School

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Conference Times: A Day: 11:30-12:12; B Day: 1:30-2:42

Website: Go to [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com). Join class using code: kqqq7

### Course Information

Students will explore elementary Science concepts, learn and apply Science vocabulary, and gain practice in using scientific process skills. This course will last one six week grading period.

### Goals

The goal of the course is for students to extend their previous foundation in science and explore scientific concepts more in depth. Students will also learn the importance of Science in their everyday lives.

### Text/ Supplementary Readings

No textbook or supplementary reading required.

### Materials

Pencil required. Donations of Kleenex and hand sanitizer would be greatly appreciated.

### Course Schedule

All assignments will be completed in class. Parents will be notified if any assignments need to be prepared outside of class.

### Requirements:

All students must follow all school and classroom rules and bring supplies daily.

### Lab Safety/health:

Students will be completing hands-on laboratory investigations. The safety of everyone is of upmost importance. A safety agreement detailing student expectations will be sent home within the first weeks of school. A parent or guardian must sign the agreement

before a student can participate in any laboratory investigation.

### Grades

Students will obtain a minimum of one grade per week. Grades will be based upon the following categories:

50% - Daily Assignments

40% - Major Tests/Projects

10% - Homework

Teachers shall determine student progress using a grading scale of 0-100.

90-100 =A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

Below 70 = Failing

I = Incomplete ("I" is not an academic grade, but indicates incomplete work.)

Conduct

E = Excellent S = Satisfactory

N = Needs Improvement

U = Unsatisfactory

Number of Grades Each Grading Period:

8 (minimum)

### Semester Grades

Semester grades are computed by averaging the numerical grades recorded for each of the three grading periods within the semester. The three grading periods will equal 100% of the student's grade (33.3% per grading period). Credit is awarded at the end of the academic year.

*\*No semester exams are administered at the intermediate level.*

### UIL Eligibility (“No Pass/No Play”)

- Semester grades are computed by averaging the numerical grades recorded for each of the three six week reporting periods.
- Each six week grading period will stand alone for eligibility purposes.
- A student who is declared academically ineligible after a six week grading period will be able to regain eligibility if all of the student’s grade averages are 70% or higher at the subsequent 3 week grade reporting period.
- See MISD Board Policy FM (LOCAL) - Exempt Courses.

Student grades will be posted in Skyward parent portal within five business days for daily grades and major grades. Special consideration is given to major projects, including lengthy writing assignments.

### Test Re-take Policy

Students who fail a **major test/project** (below 70%) will be allowed to make corrections for a maximum grade of 70%. All corrections must be completed by the specified date given by the teacher unless the student is afforded time, as a result of the district’s absent/make-up guidelines.

### Late Work Policy

Teacher will accept late work:

- 1 class day late - grade reduced by 10 points
- 2 class days late - grade reduced by 20 points
- 3 class days late - Maximum grade of 70

### Homework

Intermediate schools will provide for homework-free extended holidays. (Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break)

### Tardies and Absences

Regular school attendance is essential for students to gain the maximum benefit from teacher-led and school activities. An

unexcused tardy will result in action being taken in accordance with school policy. **Extra credit through additional assignments or projects will not be awarded.**

### Missed Work

Students may make-up assignments after an excused absence. Students will have the same number of days they are absent to make up work. A grade of “1” will be given to indicate the assignment is missing. Please make sure your child speaks with me after an absence to identify any assignments that need to be completed.

### Class Participation

Students are expected to participate in discussions, activities, and complete all assignments. Their grade will be calculated upon meeting these requirements. Student progress will be determined using a grading scale of 0-100.

### Academic Dishonesty

A student found cheating or aiding in cheating will receive a grade of zero on the assignment and their parent will be contacted. Cheating will also encompass being in possession of another student’s work without teacher’s permission and copying information from a source without properly citing the author.

I look forward to working with you and your child this school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

