GODDARD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Midland Independent School District
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Science 8 Honors & GT
2025 - 2026
Mrs. Kara Mabele, kara.mabele@midlandisd.net, **Room 215**

Welcome to the 2025 - 2026 school year! In this course you can expect to learn the basic concepts within many different sciences: Biology, Ecology, Climatology, Physics, Chemistry,& Astronomy. When you arrive to class each day be prepared to have fun working hard and learning a lot about Science. I will also come to class prepared each day to teach you something new and valuable. A few of the big, exciting projects/assignments you can look forward to this year include physics labs, chemical reaction labs, and the shark dissection lab. Everything we learn in class will be valuable but these projects/assignments are designed to have you practice the skills you will need for college and career. Below you will find important information that will help you be successful in this course. Go Raiders!

Communication & Contact Information

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.
kara.mabele@midlandisd.net
The best way to contact Mrs. Mabele is via email but be sure to check Google Classroom daily for class announcements. All emails will receive a response within 24 hours.

Classroom Expectations:

We do things the RAIDER way!

R	A	I	D	E	R
Respect	Accountability	Integrity	Determination	Engaged	Responsibility

RESPECT- Raiders are respectful
ACCOUNTABILITY- Raiders are accountable
INTEGRITY- Raiders have integrity
DETERMINATION- Raiders are determined
ENGAGED- Raiders are engaged
RESPONSIBILITY- Raiders are responsible

Supplies

Miscellaneous

- Clear or Mesh Backpacks
- Clear Plastic Water Bottle
- Kleenex
- (2) Composition Notebooks

7 & 8 Science Supplies

- [ ] Composition Notebook
- [ ] Folder with brads
- [ ] Scissors
- [ ] Glue Sticks

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Tutorials Schedule

You are responsible for attending tutorials when you need additional help for any reason: understanding a lesson concept, you have been absent and need to make up a test, need clarification on assignment directions, etc.

- Thursday after school (4:10 – 5:00)

Late Work / Make-up Work

All work should be turned in on time to avoid grade point penalties. Assignment due dates will be communicated in class and posted in Google Classroom.

- 1 school day late - maximum grade of 90
- 2 school days late - maximum grade of 80
- 3 - 5 days late - maximum grade of 70
- Work more than 5 school days late will not be accepted and a grade of 0 will be assigned.

Assignments missed due to an absence from school must still be turned in. It is your responsibility to obtain the missing assignment and ask when the assignment is due to avoid a grade penalty.

- 1 day absent = 2 school days to complete assignment
- 2 days absent = 3 school days to complete assignment
- 3 or more days absent see me for detailed instructions

Grading Policy

Major assignments (tests, labs, task cards, stations, projects) count for 60% of your overall grade average. Minor assignments (quizzes, notes/notebook, vocabulary) count for 40%. Major grades **MUST** be corrected. Minor grades (except for notes/notebook) **MAY** be corrected. Corrections count for either half credit or up to a 70 whichever is greater. **Parents your student will be sent a physical grade report home every 3 weeks which will be required to be signed and returned.**

Sincerely,

Kara Mabele

Mrs. Kara Mabele

Student Signature:_____

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____

Date