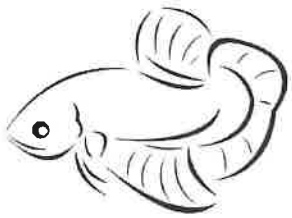
Central High School
Aquatic Science



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WHAT IS AQUATIC SCIENCE ALL ABOUT?

Aquatic science is the study of aquatic systems, including both freshwater and marine systems. The ecology and behavior of plants, animals, and microbes living in water will be covered including ecosystems of oceans, seas, lakes, ponds, rivers, and creeks. In this course, you will learn about the environments from nonliving components to the living aspects including algae, fish, and plankton. The purpose behind an aquatic science course is to immerse students in the fields of oceanography, aquatic ecology, and related topics in geography. The majority of our coursework will come from labs, hands-on activities (fishing), the Aquatic Science textbook, and Texas Parks and Wildlife workbook.

Classroom expectations:

1. Be Present: Be on time, seated, and ready to work with charged chrome books. Be in class every day to the best of your ability. If you have to be absent make sure you:
   - Check Schoology for missing work

2. Be Productive: Use your classroom time wisely. Do not impede your classmates' ability to learn as well as your teachers' ability to teach.

Non-Negotiables:

-Don't line up at the door. This is for your safety.

-Your phone should be turned **OFF**. It is CHS policy that cell phones are out of sight each day and we will follow this policy.

-Food & drinks... no, only water.

Required Daily Materials:

- Bring your **CHARGED** Chromebook
- Box Kleenex, Clorox wipes, or Hand sanitizer
- Color pencils or you can use the class assortment
- Gloves (Dissections will be **mandatory** in this class. You **MUST** provide your own gloves)
- Fishing will be **mandatory** in this class. If you have fishing equipment, please bring your own on fishing days

Grading policy:

- Tests, Projects, Labs (**major grades**): 60% Failing major grades can be corrected to a 70.
- Daily work and Quizzes (**minor grades**): 40%

In class work:

Every assignment that we do in class should be completed **DURING CLASS TIME** but if you do not finish it, then it is homework.

Textbook:

There is a virtual textbook provided for Aquatic Science. The link is provided below:

- https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/resources/aquatic-science/tas/chapters/

Tardies:

A tardy is considered not being in class by the time the bell rings. After 10 minutes you are **ABSENT.**

3 tardies = Parent Contact by Teacher

5 tardies= Teacher Detention and Parent Contact

A referral will be entered for every 2 tardies after 5 (7,9,11, etc.) parent contact and disciplinary actions will be made

Absence Policy: Follow district policy.

SAISD Grading Guidelines states: You will be given the number of days absent plus one to turn in work. If you are absent, check Schoology for missing work.

Late work:

All assigned work is expected to be completed **ON TIME**, however, work that is late or missing will be marked as missing as soon as I enter scores for the class.

SAISD Grading Guidelines states: Late work will be -10 points off for each day that it is late! Talk with me when you are needing to turn in work late so we can work together on a solution.

Possession of Telecommunications or Other Electronic Devices

The cell phone policy is in the Student Handbook.

https://www.saisd.org/students-parents/electronic-device-procedures

SAISD Student Code of Conduct:

Students shall not:

- Display, turn on, or use a personal telecommunications device, including a cell phone, or other electronic device on school property during the school day. This is the **LAW**.
- If an electronic device other than a school issued chromebook is seen in the classroom, teachers will collect the items and turn them in. The principal will contact parents to pick up the items. Second offense device is confiscated for 3 school days, 3rd offense confiscated for 10 days. Any additional offenses, device is confiscated for 90 days.
- If a student refuses to give the phone, it will result in an out-of-school suspension.

Bathroom Breaks:

All will have to go through Minga to go to the bathroom, or other locations. You are not allowed to use the bathroom for the first and last 10 minutes of class.

Tutoring Times:

Bobcat Block will be useful to attend tutorials if you fall behind in class or you are needing to make up an assignment.

-Bobcat Block (10:10 AM-10:40 AM): Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

-Morning Tutorials (7:40 AM- 8:10 AM): Thursday

After-School Tutorials (4:09-4:30 PM): Thursday

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Administrator

Teacher