



EL Physical Science

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Course Information
3 Trimester course
Classroom: L125B

Purpose

This class is designed to help EL students prepare, equip, and build background knowledge of physical science content. Students will strengthen their language of academic English through reading, writing, listening and speaking. They will participate through in-class labs, reading, writing, appropriate activities, and group work.

Overall Course Understandings:

- Students will conduct inquiry-based lab experiments using targeted language skills.
- Communicate ideas with key academic English vocabulary.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate with native speakers in social and academic settings through the four areas of language (reading, writing, listening, speaking).
- Construct complete and simple sentences with appropriate content vocabulary.
- Use a variety of reading strategies (making connections, scanning for information, inferring, paraphrasing, summarizing, etc.) to support comprehension and language production.

Materials Needed:

- Pen/Pencil
- Binder/Folder
- Notebook/Paper
- Reading Text

Grading Categories:

- 70% Summative Assessments
(e.g., Tests, Projects, Presentations)
- 10% Common Summative Exam
- 20% Formative Assessments
(e.g., homework, quizzes, reflections, discussions, participation)

Grading Scale: You are expected to do all assignments, class work, homework, quizzes and tests.

100-93%	A	76-73%	C
92- 90%	A-	72-70	C-
89-87%	B+	69-67%	D+
86-83%	B	66-63%	D
82-80%	B	62-60%	D-
79-77%	C+	60% & Below	F

**Grades will be posted on Synergy throughout each trimester.*

Course Themes

Trimester 1: Safety procedures, science inquiry, force and motion

Trimester 2: Machines, engineering, energy

Trimester 3: Matter, electricity, geology

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Homework Expectations and Late Work:

It is important for students to have their homework completed on time so that students are prepared for the learning in class each day.

Plagiarism: (see student handbook for more specific details)

Re-Take Policy:

Students are allowed to retake major tests after remediation at teacher's discretion.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is important! If students miss a class, they are responsible for making sure to complete all work. Students are allowed two days for each day absent. Students should write "ABSENT" at the top of the paper and the date absent.

Tardy Policy:

Students must be in the classroom when the bell finishes ringing, or it will be considered a tardy. The school policy is that 3 tardies = a referral.

Electronic Devices:

Cell phones are not allowed in the classroom without the teacher's permission. If students use them during class, they will be sent to the office.