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Science Syllabus and Expectations

My name is Teresa Sanders and I am the 8th Grade Science and STEAM teacher here at Union Park School. I graduated from UofA with my Masters in Secondary Education in 2021. Prior to that I earned my Bachelor's of Science in Healthy Lifestyles Coaching from ASU, preceded by my Associates of Science in Dietetics from



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- o Items that can be found on my website
 - The links to Canvas, Powerschool, and my email
 - My classroom Amazon Wish List
 - Any student supply lists, copies of my syllabus
 - Contact information
 - Learning Unit Updates

Please schedule specific times to meet with me, as well as time to communicate with me. I often have my professional duties directly related to my school.

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Union Park has implemented email office hours and a "curfew" to ensure that we maintain a healthy work-life balance. I will respond to emails Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 8:30am and again from 3:30-5:00pm.

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Room #422

- o I will communicate with students via Canvas. All student messages and coursework can be found in the Canvas course.
- o Parents, the best way to contact me is via email and I will do my best to respond within 24 hours during the times listed above. If for some reason I don't respond to you within that window please reach out to me again to ensure it didn't go to spam.

HOMEWORK & GRADES

The intent of homework is to practice, extend learning, and provide opportunities for students to develop critical, independent study skills and self-discipline for their life-long educational journeys.

Grades are a reporting tool utilized to reflect what a student knows and is able to do in a content area. We measure achievement, not effort or behavior, in our grading system.

Grades will be equitable, accurate, specific, consistent.

A student's grade should reflect academic learning and should never be used as a punitive tool.

Grades are for reporting the status of academic learning, not behavioral conduct.

The primary purpose of assessment and grading is to provide detailed feedback to inform and support student learning.

Learning is a process that takes place over time and at different speeds for different students.

PowerSchool is an essential resource for parents and students. It is not only a tool for communication regarding grades, it is a resource for our students and parents to check progress, missing work, and what is being taught/learned regularly. Please ensure that you and your child have access (separate accounts) and even sign up for the app and push notifications or weekly email updates as an option in [PowerSchool](#).

MEANINGFUL GRADE ENTRIES

Teachers are expected to enter a meaningful grade for each student in the electronic gradebook on a regular basis so that students, parents, and support staff can better monitor student progress. A meaningful grade is a grade entry for an assessment or coursework that measures learning standards. Students and Parents can expect to have at least one meaningful grade listed in Powerschools each week.

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STANDARDS FOR EACH QUARTER

We will be following