

Welcome to your Jr. High STEM elective in Room 226. I am Mr. Matthews and I'm very excited to be your teacher this year! STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. This is a project based learning class! We will be designing, planning, creating, reviewing, and making many different things. I hope to spark that curiosity for STEM as this is a very applicable class for many college career paths and can be applied to many areas of our non-school lives.



### Grading Scale

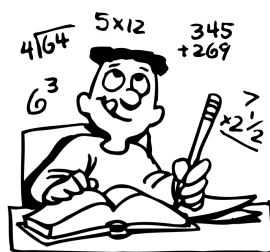
**A: 100-90% B: 89-80% C: 79-70%**

**D: 69-60% F: 59% and Below**

Classwork (research): 40%

Completed Project (rubric): 40%

Assessments (Group & Self Feedback & Quizzes):  
20%



### Late Work

- All late assignments will receive a 10% deduction per day, up to 50% max. This will apply to individuals or whole groups.

### Tutoring and Academic Probation

- Mr. Matthews' math tutoring is Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:35 to 3:25. While we will not have tutoring for STEM, you are more than welcome to come see me for math tutoring as needed.
- Academic Integrity Policy – Any student caught cheating and/or copying on any quiz or assignment will receive a zero for that assignment. Any zeroes given for academic integrity will not be able to be made up. I will also send a notification home and forward the matter to the 4A center.

### Absent Work

- Since this is a PROJECT based class, absent work will most likely not be applicable. If you are absent frequently, this will be reflected in your Grade
- Please write "ABSENT" on all absent work or late points will be deducted.
- Make-up assignments are due within 2 days (per day absent) after your return back to school. If you are absent for an extended period of time, you will have up to one full week to complete any missed assignments.

### Classroom and Campus Expectations

- Be on time.
  - Be in your seat with all needed materials, working on the bell work when the last bell rings. If you are not on time, you will be marked as tardy. 3 tardy marks will result in detention.
- Respect yourself and others.
  - Treat people and their opinions with respect even if you disagree.
- Be prepared.
  - Have your pencil, STEM binder, and current project items.
- Do your best work.
  - While in STEM Class, you are expected to ALWAYS put in your best effort and TRY. It is okay to make mistakes, we will fix these and LEARN in the process.
- Maintain an environment for learning.
  - Be considerate of your peers!
  - Cell Phones are not permitted in STEM class, they must be OFF and in your backpack.
- Keep a positive attitude.
  - STEM is meant to be challenging but we can and will work through the struggles! We can do this!!
- Take responsibility.
  - It is okay to make mistakes! We are all human and we will make mistakes. Come talk to me if you ever need to, and we will fix what we can and learn from the mistake.
- Dress appropriately.
  - Hoods, beanies, and earbuds cannot be worn or used in classrooms.
- Use your time wisely.
  - Class will fly by so fast! We have limited time together and lots to do, so please use your time wisely!



If you have any questions or concerns,  
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