

# Course Syllabus for: General Science 8/9

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## What is General Science?

General Science 8/9 covers a wider spectrum of science compared to the more specific science courses such as Earth Science or Biology. The book is broken down into 4 units; we will probably get through the first unit only. Unit 2 is/was covered in Earth Science:

UNIT 1-Physical Science: Metric System, Matter, Heat & Light, Elect & Magnetism, Energy & Motion, Work & Machines

UNIT 2- Earth Science: Time Zones, Minerals & Rocks, Erosion, Plate Tectonics, Fossils, Earth's Atmosphere, Water, & Weather, Solar System.

## Textbook?

Our base textbook will be the AGS General Science textbook (ISBN 0-7854-3646-4), AGS web site: [www.agsnet.com](http://www.agsnet.com). Throughout the course we will use many books as sources. A student work book/packet will also be provided for each chapter.

## What work will be required of students?

As part of their grade students will develop **technical writing** skills by writing Article Reviews of classroom articles or of articles that they bring in.

Work required of students:

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| • Tests, Quizzes                          | <b>60 % of grade</b> |
| • Lesson Reviews and Workbook assignments | <b>20 % of grade</b> |
| • Labs                                    | <b>10 % of grade</b> |
| • Misc. handouts/packets                  | <b>10 % of grade</b> |

Grading:

A= performance above grade level	A = 90-100%,
B= performance at or near grade level	B = 80-89 %
C= performance at grade level	C = 70-79%
D= performance below grade level	D = 60-69 %

Classroom expectations:

1. Use appropriate language at all times.
2. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. No hats or electronic devices!
3. When given, follow directions the first time.
4. Many labs/demo's can be dangerous, so students **MUST** follow Directions and use safe behavior at all times. Those who engage in dangerous behavior will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to return!