

# Content Support Science

2022-2023 Course Syllabus

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

ELD students take this course in conjunction with MYP Integrated Science 1/2. Students receive instruction in essential science concepts and vocabulary that is front-loaded and reviewed to strengthen their focus for successful integration in the mainstream class.

## COMMUNICATION

I am available to talk with you in multiple formats. Please reach out to me with ANY questions, concerns, any reason. You can expect a reply within 24 business hours. *Note: before/after school hours, on weekends or school holidays I may not access my emails regularly.*

Ways to contact me or find information:

- **Mrs. Pulai's [website](#).** This is where you can access general course information. The website can also be found under the [LHS English Language Development department webpage](#).
- **Google Classroom** for communication and assignments. CS Science classroom code: **npusn75**
- **Email:** [npulai@lps.k12.co.us](mailto:npulai@lps.k12.co.us) You can expect a reply within 24 business hours. *Note: before/after school hours, on weekends or school holidays I may not access my emails regularly.*
- **Google Voice:** 720-468-0225 for text messaging and phone calls. (*English only*)
- **Talking Points:** This is an app that will allow us to communicate in your home language. You can send me messages in your preferred language (English, Spanish, Farsi, etc) and I will receive it in English. Send me an email requesting to join our class in **Talking Points**.
- **One-on-One:** If you need to speak to me directly, send me an email and we can schedule a time to meet either in person or via Google Meets.

## COURSE SUPPLIES

Most assignments and activities will be facilitated through Google Classroom; I will not be passing out many papers in this class. Therefore, **you will need your charged Chromebook and a working set of headphones in class every day.** Additionally, a binder/folder for handouts is important to organize and keep class information.

## CLASSROOM POLICIES

In this class, any behavior that interferes with our learning community will not be tolerated. You will be held accountable for your actions. Read the following for details so that we are all clear about my expectations.

### Work Ethic Grade:

Your Work Ethic Grade will be adjusted every six weeks in Infinite Campus. This grade will be based on your ability to meet the classroom expectations as outlined below.

Continuing to disregard our class expectations will result in a phone call home and a discipline referral to your administrator.

### Scholarly Participation:

I expect you to behave and act appropriately at all times during class. This includes listening to others when they speak and being respectful even when you disagree with their ideas. It also means always striving to do your best, and always submitting **your own work**.

### Attendance and Missing/Late Work:

Attendance and Missing/Late Work expectations apply to all learning. All district and LHS policies apply, including the expectations regarding make-up work.

- It is **your responsibility** to get make-up work from me when you return from an absence. I will not seek you out, so be sure to see me upon your return. With any absence, make sure to check Google Classroom so you are able to keep up to date as to what you missed that day.
- It's very important to attend class every day. There's a high positive correlation between attendance and success in school. If you are sick, coming to school is a bad idea and you need to follow the [LHS Illness Policy](#), otherwise, you should attend class. If you are absent, you are expected to check Google Classroom to see what you've missed before coming back to school (and to begin working on it, if possible). This will provide you the best opportunity to be successful.
- If at all possible, don't be tardy. Being consistently late is disrespectful to your classmates, your teacher, and yourself, and it makes it more difficult for you to be successful in our class, so please don't be late.

Obviously, life happens and there are things that are out of our control (illness, family emergencies, etc.). That being said, your presence here and on-time is imperative to success in this class. Tardies and unexcused absences affect your Work Ethic grade. I take attendance in the first 10 minutes of class, and will not change it unless you talk to me at the end of class.

**If your tardiness or unexcused absences become a problem, further consequences will be pursued.**

### Technology:

You have been assigned a Chromebook and it is your responsibility to always have a charged Chromebook. **It is essential that you charge and bring your Chromebooks (or personal computer) to school every day.** We will be relying heavily on technology this year (few paper handouts) and it is your responsibility as a scholar to come to class prepared. Chromebooks are to be used for scholarly purposes only, both in and out of school.

### Phones:

Phones are a great tool when used appropriately. I require that they are **silenced and away** when not being used for academic purposes. If you are dealing with a serious problem outside of this classroom that requires cell phone use, please communicate this to me. If you are using your phone for non-academic purposes, you will get one warning. If you continue after that, you and your parents/guardians can pick up your phone from your administrator at the end of the school day. This will negatively affect your Work Ethic grade.

### Food and Drink:

Food and drinks (within reason) **will** be permitted in the classroom, as long as it does not become an issue. Please be very conscious and considerate of those around you and throw your trash away when you are finished.

### Bathroom:

Students should do their best to use the restroom on the way to class, but sometimes that's just not possible, and that's OK. However, if you have a habit of leaving for "the bathroom" (i.e. walking around the halls) for extended amounts of time, you will not be allowed to leave the room anymore without supervision.

### Academic Honesty:

Do not cheat or turn in work that is not yours. There is no other way to learn unless you do your own work. I use turnitin.com for big assignments to monitor plagiarism. Please see the school Code of Conduct for more information.

## GRADES

Classwork, Assignments, Quizzes:	50%
Presentations:	30%
Attendance:	10%
Work Ethic & Participation:	10%

### **LHS Grading Scale**

100% - 90%	= A
80% - 89%	= B
70% - 79%	= C
60% - 69%	= D
59% or below	= F

## COLORADO STATE STANDARDS

Integrated Science I: 2.1, 2.2, 2.9, 3.1, 3.2,  
Integrated Science II: 1.2, 1.4, 2.7, 2.8, 3.3, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7