

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Technology

## Eisenhower Middle School

### Class Syllabus 2009-2010

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#### **PURPOSE:**

Students work in pairs at Modules that connect Technology with Life. Each module is 7 school days long with a makeup day (Day 8). This class is highly dependent on students working together in pairs and solving problems. We have 18 modules including Applied Physics, Audio Broadcasting, Natural Disasters, Engineering Bridges, Flight, and Weather. Students will complete approximately 10 modules during the semester.

#### **GOALS:**

1. Students will learn about a variety of technologies
2. Students will learn vocabulary associated with those technologies
3. Students will learn how those technologies fit with careers
4. Students will learn about computers
5. Students will learn how to use time wisely
6. Students will learn how to work cooperatively with other students to accomplish a task
  - They will work in pairs for 7 day rotations on a specific topic.

#### **MATERIALS:**

The primary hardware tools: computers, variety of associated technologies

The primary software tools: module specific software

#### **CLASS EXPECTATIONS:**

1. Respect people and equipment
2. Give everything you do your Best Shot
3. Remember Expectations 1 and 2

#### **CLASSROOM Expectations:**

- ☞ Always come to class prepared and ready to work as soon as the bell rings. You must be in your seat when the bell rings or you will be marked Tardy. (Agenda p.5)
- ☞ Students are not allowed to have food, candy, drinks, etc. around the computers. Water is permitted in a container with a sealable cap/lid.

#### **DISCIPLINE:**

Depending on the severity of the inappropriate behavior, one or more of the following consequences may occur with each incident:

- ☞ Teacher/Student conference (informal)
- ☞ Teacher/Student conference with parent/guardian notified
- ☞ Before/After school Detention
  - Specific task will be assigned to be completed within that 30 minutes.
- ☞ Referral to Office/Principal

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### LATE WORK:

Any assignment not handed in on the due date is considered late. According to school policy, assignments may be turned in for half credit the next day. Any assignments that are 'late' due to technical/network problems will not be considered late.

Any student that misses a day(s) will have the same number of days to complete any missed work. They will be required to hand it in after their last extended day of the rotation. *(If a student is ill 2 days during a rotation, they will have Day 8 and 2 days after Day 8 of the rotation to complete the work and hand in their paperwork.)*

### EVALUATION:

Students will be evaluated in the following areas

*(The grading scale listed in the student's agenda will be followed):*

- ✓ Class Orientation Test
- ✓ Class Attendance
- ✓ Participation
- ✓ RCA Activities (**R**esearch, **C**hallenges and **A**pplications)
- ✓ Module Final Tests
- ✓ Module Paperwork including Vocabulary page and Math/Science/Careers page
- ✓ Class Post Test

This assignment is **due** Thursday, January 7. A **bonus** will be given if returned by Wednesday, January 6. A lower score will be applied if returned after the due date. If the parent/guardian would like to keep this paper for future reference, the student may request a take home copy. There is also a copy available on the website.

***I have read the Class Syllabus handout and have understanding of its contents.***

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Tech 8 – Hour ( 2 3 5 )  
(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Sign)

Date Returned: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tech Website

The website listed at the top of the front side of this paper will contain documents outlining each module. You are welcome to go there and view the module your student is currently working in to get an idea of what they are doing.

### Contact Information

I prefer to use email as a first contact method. It is quick and effective and can be used to arrange phone calls or visits. Please list any email address (if you have not submitted one to the school) I may use to make contact with you as a parent/guardian.