

EDNA KARR SECONDARY SCHOOL

A LETTER TO PARENTS

Welcome parents and students! My name is Mr. Washington. I teach your child Physical Science and or Career Education. This is my 3rd^d year teaching at Edna Karr. Prior to working at Edna Karr, I was assigned to work at a number of middle and high schools within the Orleans Parish school system over the last 20 years. I have also taught on the college level at Xavier University as a teacher in residence.

This year students will learn and investigate the topics for Physical Science including:

- Measurement and Experimental Design
- Nature of Matter
- Atomic Structure
- Chemical Reactions
- Matter, Forces, and Motion
- Energy, Work and Power
- Light, Electricity, and Magnetism
- Applied Principles of Physical Science

Career Education

This course is designed to assist students with exploring careers and developing skills necessary to make meaningful decisions about their career choice. This course will aid the student in developing strategies to make an effective transition from school to work. The student will develop skills in this course that are generic to all occupations such as properly preparing documents needed to obtain employment.

Grading

Grades are determined by a combination of class participation, homework, quizzes/projects, tests, and quarterly examinations. Quarterly examinations account for one quarter of the grade for the course. Students will also be required to do a Science Fair Project. This will be due at a designated date during the 3rd quarter. The grading scale is as follows:

A = 100-90

B = 89-80

C = 75-79

D = 70-74

F = 0-69

Academic Honesty Policy Karr students are expected to complete all assignments and all tests/exams honestly. To ensure that all Karr students produce their own work, the following Academic Honesty Policy is enforced. For the purposes of this policy, cheating is defined as "accepting or providing work or information that is not one's own."

TYPE OF OFFENSE	MAJOR Exam, Chapter/Unit Test, Research/Term Paper	MINOR Quiz, Classroom, Homework
1st	F on Assignment; Parent conference	F on Assignment; phone call to parent
2nd	F on Assignment; In school counseling, removal from elected office/position, unable to represent school at outside academic or leadership functions	F on Assignment; Parent/Teacher conference
3rd	F on Assignment; Saturday School	F on Assignment; In school counseling, removal from elected office/position, unable to represent school at outside academic or leadership functions
4th	F on Assignment; Suspension	F on Assignment; Saturday School
5th	F on Assignment; Suspension	F on Assignment; Suspension

The textbook for the course is Conceptual Physical Science. It is highly recommended that students take care and cover these texts since they are held responsible for all damages. The approximate cost of replacement for a lost or severely damaged text is \$ 55. Students will also be assessed a \$10 lab fee to cover the cost of consumable items.

Students caught cheating on a test or otherwise plagiarizing another's work will be referred for disciplinary action, which can include but is not limited to expulsion.

Class Rules

- Students will report to class on time each day prepared to do work
- Students will correctly wear the school uniform i.e. shirts will be tucked in and pants will be worn at the waist
- Students will be respectful to themselves, others and especially their teacher

Students are expected to come to class everyday with a positive attitude ready to learn. Students should actively participate in all class activities including lecture/discussions, individual assignments and small group efforts. Students should review all material presented in class each day and be prepared for frequent quizzes. The phone number here at Karr is 398-7155. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or would like to schedule a conference.

