

# Course Syllabus

**Course Name:** Investigative Science

**Teacher Name:** Mr. Wooten

**Teacher Contact information:**

**Online Office Hours:** 8:00 am – 3:00pm (Mon., Tue., Wed.) and 1:00pm – 3:00pm (Thur. and Fri.)

**Email:** [swooten@cguhsd.org](mailto:swooten@cguhsd.org)

## Course Description:

The class introduces basic chemistry, basic physics, and basic biology. Within each section are several activities that cover topics such as matter, chemical reactions, solutions, genetics, cellular structure, motion, forces, and electromagnetism. Virtual labs and/or simple at home labs are conducted for most chapters. Lab reports must be submitted, organizing data and answering questions for the experiment.

## Course Materials:

- **Charged Laptop**
- **Microsoft Teams**
- **Access to Edgenuity.com**

## Attendance Policy:

It is important for all students and parents to understand the state mandated attendance for students completing online courses this year. The students must spend a total of 4:30 (four and a half) hours each day, working on their courses in Edge. This is a total time spent in all their classes. If a student fails to meet the minimum time of 4:30 hours, they will be marked absent for the day. Email me if you see a mistake in your attendance.

## Grading System:

It is important to understand the difference between actual and overall grades in Edge. Overall grades are an average overview of how the student is currently performing on the assignments they have completed so far. This does not include any missing work, so the overall grade tends to be higher than the actual grade if the student is falling behind. The actual grade includes both the assignments completed and the assignments that are overdue. Overdue assignments will be counted as a 0 until they are completed. Actual grades are reported in PowerSchool once per week, every Wednesday. Keep in mind, if the student is behind on Tuesday and catches up on his/her work the following day, PowerSchool will not reflect this grade change until the following week. A student can look up their actual grades in Edge, these update automatically after a student finishes an assignment and may differ from the student's grade in PowerSchool, depending on the day of the week.

## Lab Safety:

It is important for a parent to monitor their student during physical labs.

## Late Work Policy:

- Overdue assignments will be counted as a zero until they are completed. There is no penalty for finishing an assignment late.

## Quizzes:

Quizzes are an integral part of Edgenuity. Students will complete quizzes after each lesson/sub-lesson.

**Exams:**

At the end of each unit an exam will be given consisting of multiple choice and/or short answer questions. Unit tests will be locked until the teacher approves them. Once the student has started the test, they have 3 hours to complete it. If they time out, the student will receive 0 points for any missing answer. The student may take the unit test two times if they do not like their first attempt. Edgenuity always uses the highest grade between the two attempts.

**Academic Honesty:**

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the importance of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

Academic dishonesty consists of four independent issues as described in detail below:

- **Copying:**  
The failure to express an author's ideas except by adopting the author's own words.
- **Collusion:**  
When students collaborate on what is required to be a solo effort.
- **Plagiarism:**  
When a student is not seeking the credit for an idea but has failed to attribute the credit to the true author in the correct source material using appropriate APA style citations and formatting.
- **Cheating:**  
The attempted or unauthorized use of materials, information, notes, study aids, devices, or communication during an academic exercise.

If a student violates the Academic Honesty Policy as described above, they will receive the lowest grade possible on that assignment.

---