



# ILS (Integrated Lab Science)

## Mrs. Schmit - Class Policies

### Course Description (2 semesters, 1 credit)

This is a *required introductory lab course* for all students. This course is a prerequisite for all science courses which follow and units in the course will be thematic, integrating topics from geology, physics, chemistry and biology. The course will give students a foundation in laboratory techniques, use of the scientific method, measurement and data collection and interpretation. Students will be heavily involved in laboratory activities. Students will investigate the impact of science and technology on society and use technology to collect data and make predictions.



### ILS Expectations

*I expect that:*

- students will be on time and prepared for class every day.
- students will listen to and follow all directions.
- everyone will contribute to a First Class learning environment.

*Students can expect:*

- to come into class and find an agenda for the day's activities.
- to be able to find additional supplies you might need for class in the 'student corner.'
- ***that you will need to write Mrs. Schmit a note for every missed assignment providing a reason for why the work is not complete.***
- to practice organizing instructional materials through keeping all work in a binder.
- to have homework 3-4 nights a week.
- ***that arguing with Mrs. Schmit when she's trying to instruct class will result in your immediate removal from the classroom.***

### Grades

Assignments are checked for completeness periodically and earn you points. Labs, projects, tests and quizzes also earn points. I use a weighted grade system. Grades are weighted by their category: 30% work, 30% labs, 40% tests and quizzes. Three times during the semester a progress report will be sent home. You (and your parents) have the opportunity to check your grades online through PowerSchool.



<http://powerschool.wths.net/public/>

Semester grades are also weighted: current grade 80%, final exam 20%.

100%-90% = A    89.4%-80% = B    79.4% - 70% = C    69.4% - 60% = D    59% and lower = F

***You MUST PASS ILS to graduate!***

*JM Schmit \* WTHS \* Integrated Lab Science*

## Assignments

You have the responsibility to do the assigned work, whether you finish in class, or need to finish it outside of class time. You will be expected to keep all assignments, labs & activities, and notes in a binder dedicated only for science classes. We will practice organization within ILS, and your binder will be graded periodically. Most assignments are not very lengthy, and will be expected to be complete the next day. Sometimes there are longer, and more involved assignments that you will have more than one day to complete. Please know that ***Mrs. Schmit does not accept late work for credit***, except in extreme circumstances.

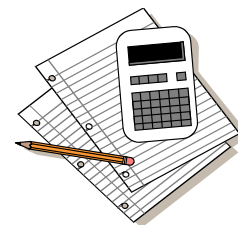
**Assignment EXCUSE:** If you don't have your assignment when it is being checked, you will have to complete an "Assignment Excuse" note and hand that in. **Failure to turn in an excuse note results in a grade of MISSING - and exclusion from extra credit options for the semester.**

If you have an EXCUSED absence, it is *your* responsibility to find out what you missed and make it up. If you have an unexcused absence, you might want to make up what you missed, but the work will not be accepted for credit. (To find out more about the absence policy at WTHS see your student handbook.)

- ▶ To find out what you missed check the "What Did We Do In Class?" log on the student counter in the room.
- ▶ Grab copies of anything handed out, from the "ILS Schmit Extra Copies" crate.
- ▶ Turn in absent work into the ABSENT WORK folder (Please attach an absent tag).
- ▶ You have as many days as you were absent to make up the work. In cases of extended illness, see Mrs. Schmit to discuss what you need to do and how long you have to make it up.
- ▶ THIS POLICY DOES NOT INCLUDE PROJECTS! If you are absent on the day a project is due, I expect the project to arrive with you in class the next time I see you.

**Extra Credit:** Yes there are opportunities for extra points in class work and homework occasionally. If you still need more options, and meet the following requirements, schedule an appointment, so we can find something else for you to do to earn extra points:

- ▶ No more than 1 LATE assignment per unit.
- ▶ No MISSING grades per semester.
- ▶ Please know that any extra credit must be beautiful (final draft format) or I will not grade it.



**Plagiarism:** It is dishonest to copy someone else's work. It is dishonest to take credit for another person's ideas. ANY student caught copying (or allowing another student to copy their work) in class will receive a grade of zero on the assignment. Depending on the circumstances, you may be referred to the Dean.

**Collaboration and copying are different!** When a student is copying they are not using their brain. When collaborating, all students involved discuss, and then determine how they want to write down their answers: in other words they BOTH use their brains. *Copying is cheating!*



## Materials

EVERY day you need to bring the following to class:

- ↳ Science Spectrum Text
- ↳ Science binder
- ↳ Pen/pencil
- ↳ Your *First Class* attitude

## Punctuality

Being on time is a good habit to develop for life. Tardy students will be expected to sign in as you come in - there will be a tardy sheet by the door. ***If you are not in your seat ready to begin when the teacher is ready there are consequences:***

- ↳ 1<sup>st</sup> offense: verbal warning & sign in on tardy board
- ↳ 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: verbal warning, sign in tardy board, & meet with Mrs. S after class
- ↳ 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: Schmit Detention or Lunch Study (ACT) period cleaning
- ↳ Any following: Referral to Dean

## Passes

You'll get 6 passes each semester. You may use these at your discretion - make sure they are completed by you in ink, and then signed by Mrs. Schmit. Any extra passes at the end of the school year can be turned in for extra credit points.

- ↳ **Before leaving the room, you must have Mrs. Schmit sign your pass, and you MUST SIGN OUT ON the Hall Pass History clipboard.**
- ↳ Need a pass to come get extra help? See Mrs. Schmit before you leave class to schedule an appointment & get a pass from her.

## Miscellaneous Info

- ↳ Forgetting to show up for a Schmit Detention will result in a Dean's referral.
- ↳ If I cannot read your work, you may be asked to redo it so the assignment can be graded.
- ↳ All rules in the WTHS Student Handbook-Code of Conduct apply in ILS.

## Communication

If you are having difficulty in class please arrange to meet with me. Please let me know before you show up, so that I am not off making copies, or getting supplies needed for labs!!! Here's the info you need:



Mrs. Schmit's Office: Room 301  
Prep Period: 1<sup>st</sup> period  
Office Hours: (301) 8:15 - 8:25 am AND (310) 3:15 - 3:25 pm daily  
Phone: 847-599-4620  
School E-mail: [jschmit@wths.net](mailto:jschmit@wths.net)  
Web address: <http://blue.wths.net/faculty/schmit/default.htm>