

# PCMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Science Syllabus

**Instructor:** Mrs. Holly Mullinax  
**Textbook:** Physical Science by McDougal Littell

## **Course Description:**

- |      | First Semester  |     | Second Semester   |
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| I.   | Students will examine the scientific view of the nature of matter.                    | IV. | Students will explore the wave nature of sound and electromagnetic radiation.   |
| II.  | Students will be familiar with the forms and transformations of energy.               | V.  | Students will recognize characteristics of gravity, electricity, and magnetism as major kinds of forces acting in nature. |
| III. | Students will investigate relationship between force, mass and the motion of objects. |     |   |

For more information on performance standards go to the state website:

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Pages/default.aspx>

**Grading:** Classwork/Homework 50%      Labs/Projects 25%      Tests/Exams 25%

**Communication**      Parent communication may consist of Remind 101 notifications, notes in Agenda, email, phone call home, and/or Parent/Teacher Conferences.

**Materials:**      (2) composition notebooks [NO spiral notebooks please]  
red ink pens      pencils

**Homework:**      Most homework will consist of work not finished in class. It will be graded for accuracy, is due the next day, and will count as a classwork/homework grade.

**Make up work:**      All work must be turned in on time. Late work will be graded with a deduction of 10 points per day past the due date. Thus, students have 3 extra days to turn in work and still receive a passing grade. In the event of an absence, make up work can be obtained by accessing the make up folder in my classroom. Make up work is the responsibility of the student.

**Keep in touch:**      Students and parents are encouraged to view objectives, homework, news, and other valuable information by logging onto my website, which will be updated regularly, at <https://sites.google.com/a/pickenscountyschools.org/hollymullinax>. Also, please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns at [hollymullinax@pickenscountyschools.org](mailto:hollymullinax@pickenscountyschools.org) or call me at (706) 253-1830. Parents and students with SmartPhones can download the free application Remind 101 and join my classes for more frequent updates regarding homework and news.

**Expectations:**      Students should abide by all the rules of the student handbook. Students should fully participate in all classroom activities and be prepared to learn. Students should respect the rights of other members of the school. Any student not following safety standards or abusing equipment will lose lab privileges.

**Parent signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student signature :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_