8**th grade Science                            Sue Watters                            Pickens County Middle School**

**Teacher and Students Expectations**

 I will have lesson plans posted for parent and student review each week. Lesson plans may be viewed on my Teacher Page at http://suewatters.yolasite.com  This may also be accessed via the Pickens County Middle School Website.

I expect all students to do their work to the best of their ability and to be fair and honest.

Missing assignments are defined as items not turned in, left at home, left in locker, or drastically incomplete.  If the student is absent on the day the assignment is given, he/she will have time to complete the assignment as specified in the County Student Code of Conduct. Students who are present in school and do not turn in assignments will have a 10 point deduction for each day the work is late.

**New Zero Tolerance Cell Phone Policy**

All students will be instructed put their phones in the pocket holder located in the front of the room as they enter the classroom. Any student with a cell phone in their possession without my permission will be subject to the cell phone policy outlined on page 23 of the Student Agenda.

**Course Description**

Physical Science .

**Text:** McDougal Littell Physical Science

**Course Outline**

This 8th grade course outline follows the Georgia Performance Standards (GPS). Additional information about the science standards may be found at [http://www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org/) .

Studies will involve the following:

1st Nine Weeks- Structure of Matter

 2nd  Nine Weeks-  Forces, Motion, and Simple Machines

3rd Nine Weeks- Waves and Energy

4th Nine Weeks- Electricity and Magnetism; Review

**Grading Scheme**

Summative Assessment             40%

Formative  Assessment               60%

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TOTAL                                         100%

\*Daily assignments include homework, class work, participation, etc.

**Absence Make-up Procedure**

Any assignment and/or test announced before a student’s absence is the **student’s responsibility** to be prepared for that test and/or assignment the day they return to school.  Assignments will be posted daily in the classroom to help students remain up-to-date and informed.  The student must complete make-up work within the time specified by Pickens County Schools Student Handbook.

**Scheduled Help**

A student needing extra help may make an appointment in advance for morning or after school help.  Arrangements must be made in advance to avoid scheduling conflicts.

**Behavior Management Plan**

All students are expected to adhere to the Pickens County Middle School behavior management plan in addition to the Pickens County School District’s policies listed in the Student Code of Conduct Handbook. Parents may check agendas (quarterly point page) for any discipline issues.

 **Teacher/Parent Communication**

Parents should check their child’s agenda daily to keep up with daily and long term assignments.  **Please note that incomplete class work becomes homework.**  Grades will be sent home approximately every 9 weeks with progress reports in the interim. Grades will be updated weekly and may be viewed via Infinite Campus.

Please sign and return. The Syllabus for each class will also be posted on my school webpage for future reference.

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**Student Signature                                                    Parent Signature**