



7th/8th Grade Science Syllabus

Students' educational achievements are dependent upon the support they find at home and in the classroom, but most importantly it is dependent upon each student.

The following procedures, policies, and expectations are in place to ensure that each student is given the best opportunity to be successful in science!

Classroom Expectations

1. **BE PREPARED** – The student will come to class ready to learn every day. This includes:
 - Arriving to class on time with a positive attitude and seated in a timely manner.
 - Having all required materials –science notebook & folder, pencils (extra is always good!), and your planner
 - ****NOTE:** If a student is consistently unprepared, they will seek consequences.
2. **BE RESPECTFUL**
 - Respect yourself. Respect me. Respect your classmates.
 - Follow all classroom and school rules.
 - Listen while I am teaching or giving instructions.
 - Listen to what others have to contribute.
 - If you have something to share, raise your hand, wait until you are acknowledged, and then share.
 - ***There is a Zero Tolerance Policy for demeaning, derogatory, or destructive attitudes and behaviors towards teachers, classmates, or classroom property.***
3. **BE RESPONSIBLE**
 - Pay attention, listen to directions, and do what is expected the first time.
 - Follow all lab safety instructions.
 - Do all your class work and turn it in on time.
 - Present legible and neat work. Always use pencil.

Sequence of Consequences

Please note that depending on the severity of the situation and the student's behavior, respect, and/or ability to regain composure, I may take actions out of the sequential order.

1. The first time the misbehavior occurs, the student will receive a documented verbal warning and their behavior will be redirected.
2. The second time will result in a lunch detention and an email sent to parents
3. Further consequences can include: Lunch/Recess Detentions, Behavior Reflection sheet, student/parent/teacher(s) conferences, and being sent to Mr. Barbera.

Cheating and Digital Integrity Policy

Copying or photocopying another student's work is not allowed. Additionally, the use of AI platforms such as Open AI (Chat GPT), Google AI (Bard), and other similar AI platforms that perform problem solving and/or writing for you is considered cheating and is not allowed. If there is evidence of cheating, you will receive a grade of zero and will not be allowed to make up the assignment.

Homework/Absence Policy

Homework is immediately applicable to that day's lesson; therefore, ALL homework must be accurately and neatly completed, and turned in on the announced due date. Students are encouraged to complete ALL late assignments, as this will provide good practice on the particular skill set. There is a "Homework" location in my classroom where homework assignments are found, as well as on Google Classroom. Please reach out if you need help accessing or understanding homework assignments.

If absent, **it is the responsibility of the student to make-up any missing assignments.**

Late Work Policy

Homework, lab reports, and projects turned in late (not due to an absence) will receive a 5% grade reduction for each day it is late.

Grading Structure:

Your class grade will be determined as follows:

- Classwork: 10%
 - Homework: 15%
 - Labs: 20%
 - Quizzes: 20%
 - Projects: 35%
 - o 1st Case Study Project: 10%
 - o 2nd Case Study Project: 10%
 - o 3rd Case Study Final Product: 15%
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7th/8th Grade Science Syllabus Agreement

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR TEACHER!

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s) – First & Last, and state relationship to student (i.e. mother/father, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.)

Students, please check **ALL** statements that apply below:

_____ I have read and understand the Classroom Expectations outlined. I will do my best to follow these procedures.

_____ I have read and understand the Sequence of Consequences. I will do my best to have appropriate behavior.

_____ I have read the Cheating and Digital Integrity Policy and understand I will receive a grade of “0” for the assignment. I will NOT be allowed to make up the assignment.

_____ I have read and understand the Homework/Absence Policy.

_____ I have read and understand the Late Work Policy.

_____ I have read and understand the Grading Structure.

Student Signature

Date

PARENTS ONLY: Please read and sign after the following statement.

I have read through and understand the Science Syllabus. I understand all of the expectations and policies outlined; I will do my best to encourage my child to be successful at school.

Parent Signature

Date