

7TH GRADE SCIENCE SYLLABUS

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Course Information

I would like to welcome you to 7th Grade Science. The following information is provided for you and your parents to have an understanding of the expectations and to assist you in being as successful as possible in the class.

Note for Honors: The course is designed to equip students with conceptual understanding and critical thinking needed in preparation for high school Advanced Placement courses.

My Expectations For You

It is **your** responsibility to keep up with assignments. It is **your** responsibility to ask for clarification or extra help, if necessary. **You will get out of this class what you put into it.** You put in zero effort, you get zero results. Here you will be challenged. You **will** grow. If you have **any** questions or concerns at **any time** during the year, **please come see me!** I follow the VMS guidelines in regards to the expectation of students, dress code, safe schools policy, grades, citizenship, and consequences.

Honor

I want you to help other students and receive their help when you need it, but cheating is not allowed. You are cheating when you copy someone else's work and say that it is your own. It will result in a zero with no chance for make-up.

Class Materials

You will need access to a Chromebook for class every day as well as a pen/pencil to write with. **You are responsible for updating your digital notebook over the course of the year.** *You may also need colored pencils and headphones but will be provided with a set if you forget them or did not buy a set as part of your supply list.*

Late Work

You will have ONE class day to submit late work for a maximum grade of 70. For example, if something is due on an A-day Monday, you may turn in the assignment on A-day Wednesday (the next class) for a maximum of a 70. If the assignment is not turned in after two class days, the assignment will be a maximum grade of a 50. After 2 classes, work will no longer be taken and will be a zero in Skyward.

Please let me know if you have any questions should you need to turn in an assignment past the due date!

Due Dates

I expect you to complete your assignments by the date they are due. If you do not finish on time or you begin to get behind, it will be difficult to keep up with the class. Please refer to the late work policy on the front page.

Grading

- ★ 50% Tests/Projects (2-3 per 9 weeks)
- ★ 50% Daily work, quizzes, homework (7-9 per 9 weeks)

Tutoring

- ★ Please email if you are interested in tutoring so that we can schedule a time!

Course Description

Science 7 is interdisciplinary in nature; however, much of the content focuses on organisms and the environment.

Students use scientific inquiry methods during investigations as they study the following topics: the flow of matter and energy through systems, the impact of natural events and human activity on ecosystems, the complementary nature of structures and functions in organisms, and that genetic material found in the cells determines traits.

Tests and Quizzes

All tests and quizzes will be announced. If you are absent the day of a test or a quiz it is your responsibility to come in and make it up. You can do this before school in the library and/or during study hall.

When Absent

1. Look in **Google Classroom** for the Student Agenda and assignments that you missed for the class you were absent
2. Complete **ALL** classwork & assignments & makeup any quizzes/tests.

Attendance and Tardies

You are considered to be on time if you are in your seat when the tardy bell rings. You are responsible to make up all work done while you are absent.

Classroom Procedures

Entering the room:

1. Go straight to your assigned seat
2. Write down the agenda/homework into your planner
3. Log onto your Chromebook
4. Go into Google Classroom and open the necessary assignments/documents for the day
5. Begin warm-up activity

When I need your attention, I will:

- Use my Rainstick
- Wait for silence and all eyes on me

Leaving the room

- You **MUST** ask for permission to leave
- You **MUST** sign out and back into the classroom

Dismissal

- After the bell I dismiss those who are
 - ◆ In their seats
 - ◆ Desks straight
 - ◆ Trash picked up

Please have your parents join the Google Classroom update emails.

Remind @rice7sci to the number 81010

Let's SOAR together!

Lauren Rice