

Welcome to Seventh Grade Science

Your responsibilities as my student <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To treat me and all others with care and respect as unique individuals 2. To be honest and accept responsibility 3. To be cooperative with me and all others 4. To be productive and learn the required content 5. To always give your best effort 	My responsibilities as your teacher <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To treat you with care and respect as a unique individual 2. To provide for you an orderly science classroom 3. To treat you fairly and allow you to have a voice within the classroom 4. To provide you motivation to learn 5. To provide you experiences and instruction that will teach you the required content
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Student Expectations

Respectful - Responsible - Engaged

Curriculum: Based on NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards)

Topics: Chemical Reactions, Metabolic Processes, Ecosystem Dynamics, and Human Impact

Skills: Asking Questions & Defining Problems, Developing & Using Models, Planning & Carrying Out Investigations, Analyzing & Interpreting Data, Constructing Explanations & Designing Solutions, Engaging in Argument from Evidence, and Obtaining, Evaluating, & Communicating Information

Learner Behaviors: At times during class you will be evaluated on your skills to stay organized, plan, prioritize and react to classroom situations in an appropriate manner. On the report card you will see this reported as:

Demonstrating Organizational Skills	Actively Participating in Class
Working Cooperatively with Others	Work Completion

Consequences If you are not fulfilling the above expectations in the classroom, I will have a conversation with you. You may need to answer a series of questions that will allow you to process what is occurring in the classroom, while documenting the incident. This may possibly be followed by a phone call home or a referral to administration.

Class time, time is CRUCIAL You are expected to be on time and ready to learn when the bell rings. You may only come late to class twice throughout the entire quarter. The **third** time you come late to class you will earn a detention. After two detentions, you will be referred to the administration. Coming late to class will be recorded on the closet door.

Leaving the classroom Being in class is important. Use the bathroom and water fountain during passing periods. You will be allowed to leave the classroom 6 times a trimester. Ask for permission with your hall pass then sign out on the form posted in the Google Classroom Forum. After 6 times you are not allowed to leave without earning a detention.

Grades **Grades are based summative assessments.** Classwork is a daily assignment and will not affect your final grade. Summative grades will measure your understanding of the classwork as it relates to the science standards. These grades will be assessed using points and rubrics and will count as your overall class grade for the trimester.

Excused Grades Occasionally, you may earn an excused grade. An excused grade will not help or hurt your grade.



Classwork Homework Grades - Executive Skills You cannot call home for homework. Plan ahead--double check. If you do not have your daily assignment the period it is due you will have earned a “late” assignment and it is recorded as a red box on PowerSchool. Homework is graded as an executive skill grade and if you do not have it done or with you, you have not shown skill of being prepared for class.

Missing Summative Grade Will count as a zero and will heavily affect your grade.

Revisions Revisions are only considered on summative work. They must be completed within a week of the due date and follow the revision guidelines which often will include additional practice of content. Quizzes may not be revised, only projects.

Sick/Missing Class You will be expected to make up work and complete curriculum you have missed. **It is YOUR responsibility** to find out missing work and make arrangements to complete it. My web page provides all the necessary information for anyone not in class. If needed, you should discuss and arrange a time with me to complete the work. A very good time to do this is during early bird or SSP. You will have as many days as they miss to make up for absent work.

Assignment Notebook You will need to use an assignment notebook to keep track of assignments, quizzes, tests, and projects. At the start of each week you can fill out your planner according to the classroom calendar during weekend check. Every day your homework should be recorded.

Chromebooks and Cell Phones Chromebooks may only be utilized for educational purposes. School rules state that cell phones must stay in your locker. If you are caught using a cell phone or chromebook in class inappropriately; it will be confiscated until the end of the day. If it happens a second time, the device will be given to the administration, and administration will contact home. **Keep cellphones in lockers!**

Pencils/Pens Pencils are the preferred writing utensil. If you use a pen, only dark blue or black can be used. Do not use colored pens, colored pencils, or markers for homework. If you forget a pencil or pen you may borrow one from my front bin.

Lost and Found The side counter is the place where all lost belongings are kept. It is the first place you should look if you feel you left something in the room. I keep the expensive things---purses, calculators, glasses. Be sure that all of your belongings are marked clearly with your name.

Science Class Necessities- Chromebook, Binder, (Assignment Notebook, Writing Utensil, and Specific Folder), and COMPOSITION NOTEBOOK These are the supplies you are expected to bring EACH day to class. You will receive executive functioning skill grades for being “ready” for class with your supplies.



Mrs. Johnson's Website: Search the O'Neill staff directory on the O'Neill website and find my name and website link.

Extra help Extra help is always available. Discuss it with me first if possible so I am aware of your needs. If the questions are last minute, come before school or stay after, I am usually here early and stay until 4pm unless I am coaching cross country or track. You can also email me at jjohnson@dg58.org, if I am around my email I will answer your question, if not come in early.

I have read the guidelines of science class and understand them.

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