**7TH GRADE SCIENCE**

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Welcome to the challenging fun of Science. I encourage you to make this class a very important part of your life. After all, science is all around us. Look again if you don’t believe it. You will learn how to think like a scientist, use inquiry to understand energy, Earth’s structures, living organisms, heredity, and reproduction.

**REQUIRED MATERIALS**

3-ring binder with paper

3-prong folder (for science fair packet)

Blue/black Pen or Pencil everyday (other colors will not be graded)

Textbook: Pearson Florida Course 2 Interactive Science

Calculator

Colored pencils

Glue sticks

USB

**GRADES**

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| 90-100 | A |
| 80-89 | B |
| 70-79 | C |
| 60-69 | D |
| Below 60 | F |

25% Lab work, lab write-ups, projects, other lab-based activities

35% Classwork / homework / current events

30% Tests

10% Quizzes & Bell Work

**LATE WORK:** Late work will be accepted incurring a 5pt penalty. I **will not** accept late work one week prior to the end of the quarter. If the student loses work and needs a “reprint,” it will count as late work and therefore incur a 5pt penalty.

**ABSENCES:** It is the responsibility of the student to find out what he or she missed during any absence from class. Most of the labs will not be available to replicate due to absences, therefore, there might be an alternate assignment. It is the responsibility of the student to do the make up work for the lab that he or she missed. Also, when the student is absent, there will be a zero placed in the gradebook for the assignment until the assignment is completed. The make-up work policy will follow the student handbook.

**TESTS:** Since test dates are known well in advance, you are expected to take the test when it is scheduled. Being absent the day before the test does not excuse you from testing. If you are in class on test day, you are taking the test. If you miss the test day, be prepared to take the test immediately upon your return to class. Illnesses that result in more than one day of missed school before the test day will be allowed to reschedule. Tests will be in the form of multiple choice, short answer, true/false, short essay, graphing, and/or labeling.

**TARDY:** You will be considered tardy if you are not prepared for the class when the bell rings. Being prepared means that you are in your seat, pencil is already sharpened, and you have your materials for the day before the bell rings. You have 4 minutes between classes so use it wisely, or else a tardy will be recorded. You will be counted tardy if you come to class first, use the bathroom, and then arrive again after the bell. Use your time wisely.

**BATHROOM AND WATER:** You may use the bathroom once per class per day. You must sign out in the back of the room, take the pass, and sign back in. You may not use the bathroom if the bathroom pass is already occupied. If the teacher concludes that the student is abusing the policy, it will be taken away.

**LOCKER**: You will not be able to use your locker during class time for forgotten material. You will take a late grade penalty for the assignment.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Students are honor bound to refrain from lying, cheating or stealing. Students that do not possess academic integrity are subject to the following:

i) First Offense: Zero on test or assignment.

ii) Second Offense: Zero on test, parent contact.

iii) Third Offense: Administration and parent contact and subject to suspension.

**NO NAME PAPERS:** If claimed by an owner, the paper will then incur a 5pt late penalty.

**CELL PHONE:** Turn the cell phone in the off position before you enter the classroom. If I see the phone during class, not in its proper receptacle and/or without my permission, you are in violation of the school’s cell phone policy. No charging cell phone in any class outlets. The teacher will let you know if the activity requires a phone.

**1st infraction –** Verbal Warning

**2nd infraction** – Take up phone, parent phone call, and you may pick it up at the end of the day.

**3rd infraction** – referral

**TEXTBOOKS:** It is the student’s responsibility to bring their textbook to class every day. Textbooks may be left on the assigned class shelf if desired.

**WEBSITE/PLANBOOK:** Please check the class website for the link to my Planbook for class assignments/projects/attachments needed!

**DEFINITE DO-NOTS IN THIS CLASS:**

* Use words or phrases such as but not limited to “you’re gay,” or “you’re retarded”
* No food or sugary drinks shall be brought into the lab for any reason. Food includes candy, and sugary includes sports drinks. Bottled water may be brought into class. Clear plastic tumblers with lids are acceptable.
* Don’t shoot baskets into the trash
* Bring toys to class because they will be taken away for good. Ex: Rubik’s cubes
* Wear your hat into class or hide under your hoodie
* Write sloppy enough that the teacher cannot read and will not grade the paper

**DEFINITE DOS IN THIS CLASS:**

* Pick up your graded papers in the class/period shelf in the room
* Bell work every day. Some days it will count as a quiz grade. Stay on task.
* Title papers with the name, date, class period, and title of the work. Otherwise it will not be graded.
* Have text etiquette when using the text chat feature in focus
* Use polite manners and treat others and property with respect
* Take your hat off before entering the class and remove the hoodie head covering

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*\*Every effort will be made NOT to change items in the syllabus.  Nonetheless, I reserve the right to make any changes deemed necessary to best fulfill the course objectives.*

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\*Syllabus may change at the teacher’s discretion