

Science 7 Syllabus

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Overview

Seventh grade science focuses on Life Science. Our curriculum is Amplify Science which includes the following units:

- Cells & Human Microbiome (MB)
- Metabolism (MT)
- Traits & Reproduction (TR)
- Population Resources (PR)
- Energy in Ecosystems (EE)
- Natural Selection (NS)
- Evolutionary History (EH)
- Positive Prevention Plus (PP+)

Classroom Policies

- Students are expected to be working on the catalyst by the time the tardy bell rings. Students who do not meet this expectation will receive a tardy.
- Students are given 4 “freebie” passes per semester. These passes can be used as restroom passes, excused tardies, for a pencil OR for a late homework pass (up to 1 week late). If a student has run out of passes they will not be permitted to leave the room.
- There are Chromebooks available to borrow in the classroom. Students are expected to trade one of their personal items for the Chromebook if they need it. The student will trade their item back for the Chromebook when they return it and plug it in.
- No student is allowed to leave if a mess has been made in class, even if the bell rings.
- Absolutely NO food or drinks (besides water) are permitted in the classroom at any time.
- Phones that are out during the school day will be confiscated and sent to the office, per district policy.

Materials

- 1 College Ruled Composition Notebook
 - 80-100 pages, **NO** plastic cover, **NO** perforated pages → they fall out!
- Pencils
 - Wooden preferred - I have no lead for mechanical pencils!
- Erasers
 - Pencil caps OR regular pink erasers are fine
- Colored Pencils (recommended but not required)
- Spare binder paper in a 3 ring binder

Grading

- Interactive Notebooks = 40%
- Assessments = 40%
- Participation = 10%
 - Some assignments, like catalysts, are counted as participation.
- Citizenship = 10%
 - Each student will start the semester with 100 citizenship points. If a student fails to complete the daily expectations they will have 2 points deducted from their total. Each of these 2 point deductions will be recorded in the comment section of Aeries.

Late Work

- Late work will be accepted at 70% of what your work is worth.
- The deadline for late work is the day of the assessment for that unit. Meaning work from previous units will NOT be accepted for any credit for any reason.

Make-Ups, Retakes & Corrections

- Students that score LESS THAN 80% on an assignment that was turned in on time are permitted to correct their work to earn an 80% on that assignment.
- Students who are absent on a quiz or test day must make arrangements with me to make up that quiz or test within a week of their return to school.
- If a student earns less than a 70% on a quiz they can retake that quiz to earn up to 70%. Students can retake the quiz as many times as they need to, outside of class time, until they earn a 70%.
- Tests can be corrected, NOT retaken. By correcting their test, students can earn back half of the points they lost. For example, if a student earned an 80% they could bring their test grade up to a 90% by completing test corrections. Test corrections take place before school, at lunch and after school for one week after the test score is entered in Aeries.

Syllabus Agreement

I have read the syllabus and understand the expectations of Mrs. Bamford's 7th grade science class.

Student Signature_____

Parent Signature_____