

Life Science
2012-2013 Team 7-2
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course description: This class will cover biological concepts including: ecology, chemical concepts, the cell, genetics, taxonomy & the kingdoms, and evolution. Life Science is a laboratory course, however adherence to lab safety rules is expected and required for participation.

class expectations and code of conduct: All students will:

- (1) Be on time and prepared for class
- (2) Follow all instructions given by the teacher the first time
- (3) Behave respectfully and responsibly
- (4) Complete all work to the best of their ability
- (5) Follow all school rules
- (6) Cooperate and encourage classmates

I expect you to act in a mature manner. Treat everyone with respect. No one will be ridiculed or made to feel uncomfortable in our class.

class website: I have set up a class site online that will contain homework assignments, reminders and other information. Please check it regularly.

Daily materials: You will need to bring to class each day your notebook and other class supplies, your textbook, sharpened pencils and any assigned work. Other materials may be requested throughout the term. Make sure you bring your planner to class every day— it is vital to maintaining organization!

Grade determination: Your final overall course grade will be calculated as follows:

Projects, tests/quizzes, labs	50%
classwork, homework	40%
class participation	10%

Assignments: Not all assignments will be collected for a grade. Any work that is collected needs to be placed in the designated box on the side table. GROUP ASSIGNMENTS need to be group efforts, i.e. everyone participates equally. HOMEWORK will be assigned and checked as complete/incomplete rather than for accuracy, then we will correct it together in class. PROJECTS will be assigned and time management is highly encouraged. SMART STARTS will be completed daily and kept in your binder; you will have periodic tests over these. TEST format will vary depending upon the material covered and may include (but is not limited to): performance-based, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, discussion, diagramming, and matching. You will always be given advance warning of a major test. Keep up with the dates on your calendar. Retests and/or make-ups need to be completed either before or after school. Please let me know which day you plan to come in so that there will be no conflicts.

Notebooks: We will organize our notebooks as a class at the beginning of the 9 weeks- tabs will be labeled in class. It will be up to you to keep it that way. You are welcome to stay after school for additional assistance in organization.

Labs: Labs are usually conducted with a partner or in small groups. The grade you receive will reflect both individual and group effort. If you don't participate, don't expect to get a grade. If you miss a lab, it may not be possible for you to make it up, so check with me as soon as you return to school. I will ask for donations a week or two in advance when planning hands-on activities and labs.

class procedures: Every class you will have throughout your school years will have its own set of procedures and routines – don't worry, we will review ours together. Procedures soon become second nature and help everything run smoothly.

Hall and restroom passes: You have 10 passes for each nine weeks; your hall pass card must be used if you need to leave the room for any reason. Once you have used all of your passes, you do not receive any more, so use them wisely. You cannot use someone else's hall pass card. If you are found to be taking an in-school field trip, you will have your passes revoked for the remainder of the term.

Absences: You should bring an excuse when you return to school. I expect you to be responsible for all make-up work –you may retrieve any assignments you may have missed from the file and get the smart start from a classmate. If you are absent on an assignment's due date (except for major projects), it will be due on the date you return to school. If you miss a test, it must be made up after school WITHIN ONE WEEK.

Tardies/ dismissal: You are tardy if you are not in the room when the bell rings. Do not come to class late without a pass. All messes will be cleaned up before being dismissed.

Extra Help: If you find yourself needing a little bit of extra assistance, all you need to do is ask. Let me know if you'd like to come in before or stay after school, and I'll do my best to work out a time that is convenient for both of us. Be advised, however, that I will stay to help those who are putting forth effort in class. I would much rather have a student who works hard for a C, than one that simply settles for one.

"Every great accomplishment starts with the decision to try."

Please sign below to indicate you understand our class expectations and will do your best to follow them. Read our syllabus with your parents and have them sign below also. I can be reached by email any time a question or concern arises. Let's make this your best and most favorite school year yet!

student signature _____ date _____

parent signature _____ date _____