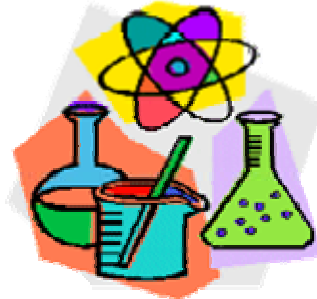


7th Grade Science Syllabus
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SCIENCE



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COURSE STRUCTURE: This is a high school preparatory laboratory science course consisting of the study of life science. Students attend 3 to 4.5 hours of classroom time per week, which time includes taking notes, learning new vocabulary, planning and executing projects, participating in lab assignments and completing lab write-ups, and taking end of the unit tests. The final test will be comprehensive in nature. An additional one to two hours per week should be spent on reviewing notes and completing homework and class assignments.

CURRICULUM MATERIALS: Text – Holt, Rinehart & Winston, eds. Holt Science & Technology: Life Science. Austin: Harcourt, 2007 Supplemental Workbook; Lab equipment as needed; Science videos and library materials as required.

UNITS OF STUDY:

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| 1. Light | 5. Genetics |
| 2. Evolution of Life on Earth | 6. Anatomy & Physiology of Plants and Animals |
| 3. Earth History | 7. Family Life |
| 4. Cells | 8. Investigation and Experimentation |

REQUIRED MATERIALS: By Wednesday, you must have:

- A bound **Science Composition Notebook**. Examples will be shown to students on the first day of class. (Target, Wal-Mart or any office supply store)
- Binder paper and writing materials (2 pens, 2 pencils & highlighter)
- A section in the binder labeled “Science”
- Daily planner (one given to each student at start of school year; **a must have in class every day**)

ATTENDANCE POLICY/TARDY POLICY:** The school wide attendance policy will be enforced. **You are tardy if you are not in your assigned seat AND WORKING at the tardy bell.**

MAKE-UP POLICY:** The school-wide make up policy will be followed. It is your **responsibility** to find out what assignments you have missed and submit them in a timely fashion. Failure to complete work within the school wide time period will result in a zero grade. Make-up tests need to be arranged with the classroom teacher.

Student Initials: _____ Parent Initials: _____

EXTENDED LEARNING POLICY (Homework) **: Extended learning is work completed beyond the regular school day. It is assigned each time we meet and is an essential component of your learning process. **Daily note review is a must.**

GRADING/CITIZENSHIP: Students are expected to turn in all assignments, to complete all their extended learning work, and to participate in class discussions and activities. The number one reason students do not pass science is that they do not turn in work. Make sure all assignments are completed and up to date.

Letter grades are based on the total number of points from tests, labs, homework, in class assignments and extra credit. Class participation and citizenship will be considered in borderline cases. The following point scale is used: 90-100% = A, 80-89= B; 70-79 = C; 60-69 = D; 59 and below = F. Citizenship grades are E (Excellent), S (Satisfactory) and U (Unsatisfactory) based on compliance with the Student Creed. **

You can access your student’s grades online through School Loop. <http://eharris.schoolloop.com/>

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:** The students and the teacher are responsible to maintain a learning environment in the classroom at all times. We will do so by following the **COLTS** classroom rules and adhering to the Student Creed principles.

- Chew, groom and eat elsewhere.
- Organize yourself; be prompt, prepared and successful.
- Listen to and follow directions.
- Treat everyone, every space and everything with respect.
- Strive to do your best at all times.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS**

Students are expected to follow all school rules and come to class prepared. This includes having all necessary supplies (i.e., constant supply of paper, writing tools, binder), as well as having completed any requisite extended learning opportunity (formerly known as “homework”). Regular attendance is crucial to passing any rigorous academic class. Nationwide research has shown that missing even one week a year can have a negative impact on grades; therefore it is imperative that students come to school every day unless it’s unavoidable. Missed school is a missed learning opportunity, and since science classes are generally lab-based, missed work often cannot be simulated or made up on vacation or at home.

PARENT SUPPORT: Parents can best help their child succeed in school by providing a quiet place and time for them to complete homework. Setting aside a specific time and place for students to work not only allows students to concentrate, but also maintains good study/work habits that can be used throughout life.

** Specifics can be found in the Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School Agenda **

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