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## Science Syllabus

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# Mrs. Horn

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Room: Science Building

Conference Period (6th)

5th- 8th Grade Science

*“The important thing is to never stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.” -Albert Einstein*

### Grading System:

50% — Practice, Assignments, Quizzes, Projects

50% — Assessments, Test

**\*Academic Dishonesty** - I have a zero-tolerance policy for cheating, including plagiarism. If you are caught cheating, you will receive a zero for that assignment or test.

### Assignments:

May consist of daily work, homework (worksheets, bookwork, research, computer, etc.). Homework will be given almost daily. **Late work** will be accepted with 10 pts taken off each day. Until I receive the missing work from you, the gradebook will reflect a zero for that respective assignment.

**\*If I can't read it, I mark it wrong. No Name = 10 points deducted. Take credit for your hard work!**

### Quizzes:

May cover any material discussed in class, any material covered on any assignment (current or past), and notes.

### Test:

Will usually be given at the end of units or chapters. Tests will almost always have two parts; a written and a multiple choice part when possible.

\*If you are absent on the day of a test, it may be made up the next day in class.

\*If you **KNOW** you are going to be absent, you need to prepare ahead of time; be proactive and gather work before missing school!



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### NoteBook:

Everything provided to you should end up in your notebook, secured with tape/glue. I will deduct points for work missing in the notebook, as well as if the work is not taped/glued down. I should be able to dangle your notebook and nothing will fall out!

You will turn in your notebooks every Friday and receive a daily grade for notebook completion.

If you feel I have been unfair, please come and see me in person to discuss the matter. I will usually add points if you have a calm, polite, and logical argument, even if I do not agree.

\*I never discuss your individual needs during class, so please do not try to argue with me about grades in front of other students. There is a time and place for that discussion, and our class period is not it!

### Attendance:

100% attendance for the grading period will result in dropping of lowest homework grade and +5 points on lowest Test grade for that grading period. *Great things happen when you attend school!*

### Tutoring:

If you have questions on an assignment or concept we are learning in class, come for tutorials before school or after school. Tutoring during the school day should be scheduled ahead of time- do not come and interrupt a class while I am teaching!

M, T, TH, F	Mornings	7:30 - 7:45 (When not on Duty/See Calendar)
M, T, TH	Afternoons	3:45 - 4:20

### Expectations:

\***Cell Phones** - will be turned OFF and placed in lockers. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any cell phone found out in class will be turned into the office.

\***Respect** - Show respect for ourselves, others, teachers and our environment.

\***Curiosity** - Be curious about the world around us and ask questions. Take notes and participate.

\***Collaboration** - Work with others to develop our knowledge and understand the roles within a group. Turn in work and assignments on time.

\***Communication** - Speak to others respectfully and communicate learning and needs. Maintain honest integrity.

\***Open - Mindedness** - Be open - minded to other people's ideas and perspectives, cultures and beliefs.

### Classroom Consequences:

**1st offense - warning**

**2nd offense - lunch detention**

**3rd offense - warning, parent email or call home**

**4th offense - office**

### Google Classroom:

To join, go to Google classroom and enter the code for your class period.



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Parents/Guardians may also join the class to keep up with assignments and notes for their student. Codes are case sensitive.

5th Grade Science - **xrq2cml**

6th Grade Science - **5xdiaw5**

7th Grade Science - **4l4szt2**

8th Grade Science - **ot5zfow**

### Suggestions:

\***Take Notes** - research shows that when you see, hear and write down concepts you are more likely to maintain the information.

\***Participate** in class discussions for maximum understanding.

\***Go to tutoring** if you find yourself struggling or if you need more one-on-one help.

\***Turn in assignments on time**, so you can participate in the relearning process if needed. We can help you correct misconceptions and reinforce correct information, but we cannot help you fix nothing.

### Supplies brought to class everyday:

\*A good attitude and respect for everyone in class.

\*Composition notebook - just for taking notes.

\*Writing utensils

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please add any information that you feel will help me make your student be successful.

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