

Classroom Guidelines

Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful!!

About the class: This class will focus on Life Science -- how energy is important to life, how humans impact Earth & its life forms, how organisms interact, characteristics of life

What to Bring to Class:

blue or black ink pen/pencil
interactive notebook (spiral)

notebook paper

science book in a binder

What to Expect in Mrs. Bye's Class:

Assignments: Weekly objectives and assignments will be listed on the board. The student will be expected to copy this information into their planners and refer to it as needed. Any changes to the schedule will be noted in the planner by the student.

Daily Work/Homework: These are minor assignments. This is work assigned in and completed in class to reinforce lessons. Occasionally daily work will need to be completed outside of class time. Minor assignments count for 40% of the Six Weeks grade.

Labs: Approximately 40% of instructional time will be spent in lab and field investigations. Some labs will take one day, others will take place over several days. Labs are meant to reinforce the lessons taught in class. All students will be required to pass a Safety Test in order to take part in labs. The test will cover safety rules handed out the first week of school. The lab is a serious place and **NO MISBEHAVIOR WILL BE TOLERATED**. Should a student violate a lab procedure, they will be removed from the lab and earn a grade of **zero** for the lab. It is important for students to wear closed-toed shoes for the lab as well as have hair tied back, if applicable.

Tests: Unit tests, major lab reports and projects are counted as major grades. Major grades count for 60% of the Six Weeks grade.

Re-Takes: If a test is failed, a re-take will be offered. Students must attend tutorials, either before or after school (with any 7th grade science teacher). A re-take can then be attempted after school on days designated by the teacher. The highest grade that can be made on a test re-take is a 70. If a major assignment (lab report or project) is failed, I will let you know the re-do policy when I return the report or project.

Missing Work: When a student is not present in class, you are responsible for the work you missed. If you are absent, please come and ask me for your makeup work. Assignments can be found in the red crate filed by day; for example if you are absent on Tuesday, check the Tuesday folder when you come to class on Wednesday, retrieve the assignment and ask me questions about how to complete it. If you miss a lab, you will need to arrange a time with me to come in and complete the lab after school. It is not the teacher's responsibility to remind you that you need to do you make up work, it is yours. If you know you will be absent ahead of time, you may request work for the days you know you will be gone.

Late Work: I understand that y'all are busy and sometimes forget to do homework. Late work can be turned in for a maximum grade of a 70 if it is one day late. If the assignment is not turned in after one day, you will receive a grade of 0 on that assignment. If you know ahead of time that a deadline cannot be met, explain the situation to me BEFORE the due date and additional time may be given depending on the situation.

Textbook Information: Students will be provided with an interactive textbook as well as on-line access to the textbook. In order to access the on-line book, every student will be given a unique user id and password to access the book outside of school. A link to the textbook website can be found on the Jr High Website under Student Links. Our science book is published by McGraw-Hill.

My user id: _____ **My password:** _____

Teacher Webpage: From the school website, you can access the 7th grade science web page as well as my class web page. The science page will have a brief outline of when quizzes and tests are scheduled each six weeks, but please be aware, dates are subject to change. However, this can give you an idea of important dates each six weeks. In addition, some (not all) assignments will be accessible in the **Science Units** tab on the 7th grade science web page.

Remind 101: If you (and your parents) would like to receive occasional text messages about tests, quizzes or class reminders, please join my Remind class. You may text the message: @e72b38 to the number: 81010

I have read the Classroom Guidelines and understand that in order to be successful in this class, I will abide by them.

Student Signature

Parent Signature