

7th Grade Science

Student Procedures by Topic:

Absent work: It is the students responsibility to ask for and collect any work that was missed due to an absence. Students who are absent, have 1 day for every day they were absent, plus 1 additional day to make up work, anything after those days is considered late. Assignments, deadlines and tests that were announced prior to the students absence will be due upon the students return to school.

A.R. Books: Students will be expected to come to each class with their A.R. books. A.R. books will be encouraged to be read once students finish with assigned classwork.

Assignment Race: Students will participate in an “assignment race”; The class average of each assignment will be written on the board and the class with the highest average will win a point for that assignment. The class with the most points at the end of each chapter will be rewarded with a piece of candy.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each hour. Students need to be in their seats when the bell rings; any student not in their seat will be counted tardy.

Behavior Paragraphs: Behavior paragraphs may be issued to students as a means for classroom management; paragraphs are due by the beginning of the hour, the following day. If paragraphs are not complete, a day of detention will be issued until paragraphs are complete and turned in. Each time a student receives paragraphs, they double.

Behavior Vocab: Behavior vocab may be issued to students who did not complete the assigned chapter/lesson vocab. Behavior vocab is due at the beginning of the hour the following day. If vocab is not complete, a day of detention will be issued until vocab is complete and turned in. Each time a student receives behavior vocab it increases by 10.

Bell Ringers: Students will be required to copy down a short fact from the smart board upon entering the classroom at the beginning of the hour. Once the bell rings students will have only 1-2 additional minutes to copy.

Bell Ringer Quiz: Each Friday (or last day of the school week), students will take a short quiz over that week's bell ringers, they will be allowed to use THEIR composition books to answer questions.

Candy: Candy will be given as a reward. Students can earn a piece of candy by receiving a 100% on an assignment, answering a hard question during class discussions or when caught being nice/ polite or helping me or another student with something.

Chairs: Students chairs will need to be put on top of tables after 2nd hour so custodian can come in to sweep. If a student's neighbor is absent, please put their chair up also.

Chairs (Leaning back): Students are not permitted to lean (or tip) chairs back. Students caught leaning chairs back will be given one verbal warning, then will be asked to kneel on their knees for the remainder of the hour.

Cheating: Cheating or any form of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Students caught cheating will receive a zero for assignment and a day of detention.

Chrome books: Students will have access to chrome books. Chrome books must stay in the classroom and will not be permitted to be taken to other classrooms. Students are responsible for retrieving and returning chrome books back in the correct spot and plugging them in to charge. If a chrome book is damaged, it is the student's responsibility to replace the chrome book.

Class Dismissal: Students will be dismissed from class by the teacher, not the bell. Students should remain seated until dismissed.

Classroom Expectations: Be respectful of others and their property.(Treat others as you want to be treated). Be prepared for class with all necessary tools (paper, pencil, book, homework, etc). Listen and follow directions the first time. Give others around you the chance to learn by not disrupting the teachers efforts to teach. Do your best on ALL work and turn assignments in on time.

Composition Books: Students will need a composition book specifically for Science. Students will write daily bell ringers and each Chapter/ Lesson vocab in their composition books. Comp books will be collected and vocab graded at the end of each Chapter.

Correct and Returns: Students are given the opportunity to correct and return 10 assignments each 9 weeks that they feel they did not do well on. Correct and returned assignments should be placed in the pink tub on the corner of my desk by the due date; assignments turned in after the due date will not be accepted. I will re-grade the assignment, average the two scores and record the new score into the gradebook with the following comment: "Corrected and Returned, Grades Averaged".

Daily Class Materials: Students will be expected to come to class fully prepared with all necessary materials for class. Daily class materials include: pencil/ eraser, red pen, highlighter, science folder, composition book, homework/ assignments.

Detention: Detention may be issued to students who cannot seem to control their behavior or follow the school/ classroom expectations. Detentions are served before school on Tuesday or Thursday from 7:15-8:15 or after school on Monday or Wednesday from 3:15-4:15. After 3 detentions for the same offense, students will receive Tuesday Night School or Saturday School.

Emails: Parents are encouraged to email me with any questions, comments or concerns. I check my email several times during the day and will do my best to respond to your email by the end of the day.

Grade Checks: Grade checks will be sent home each Tuesday, they will be required to be signed by a parent/ guardian and returned the following day. Grade checks will be taken for a grade or will be extra credit (value varies each week). Grade checks taken for a grade will follow late work policy. Grade checks for extra credit will be worth max points on the due date and zero points after the due date (unless the student is absent).

Graded Papers: Graded papers will be placed in the labeled trays on the counter. As students finish with their work, they may pass out their classes graded papers.

Grading Scale: A:100-90%. B: 89%-80. C: 79%-70. D: 69%-60. F: 59% or below.

Hall passes: Students will be allotted 3 hall passes per semester. Students may use a hall pass as needed. Once all 3 hall passes have been used, any additional pass will be a day of detention.

Headings: Students will be required to write their first name, last name and their class hour on EVERY assignment. Any assignment missing last name or hour will receive a 10 point deduction. No name papers will be thrown in the trash (see no name papers).

Homework: Homework will consist of anything assigned during class that students did not complete during class time. Any assignment taken home for homework will be due at the beginning of the hour the following day.

Late Work: Late work will not be permitted or accepted for full credit. Each day an assignment is late 20 points will be deducted from assignment grade. Assignments five or more days will not be accepted and student will receive a zero.

No Name Papers: Papers turned in with no name will be thrown in the trash and students will be responsible for re-doing the assignment. Assignment will be considered late and late work policy will be implemented.

Pencils: Students should come to class prepared with a pencil. All work done in class should be completed with pencil; any work completed in anything other than a pencil will receive a 10 point deduction.

Phones: No phones will be allowed in the classroom. Phones must be turned off and stored in students lockers. Students caught with phones will face consequences outlined in the Student handbook.

Questions: Asking questions during class is encouraged. If students have questions, they will need to raise their hand and wait patiently to be called on. Students jumping up and down or waving excessively will not be called on.

Reading: Students will be expected to participate in the reading of each chapter/ lesson. Students are expected to follow along when reading the lessons as a class. Students will be called on at random and should know where the previous student left off.

Red Pens: Students should come to class with a red pen for grading. Students who do not come to class with a red pen will be asked to remove a shoe and leave it while they use one of my pens. When the red pen is returned, they will retrieve their shoe.

Science Labs: Students will participate and complete labs to enrich the information covered in class. Labs will be graded as an assignment and may require lab reports. Students will not be permitted to participate in any lab until the safety rules and guidelines sheet has been signed by both students and parents and returned to school. Labs are a privilege and can be revoked if students behavior does not demonstrate maturity and responsibility.

Science Lab Safety: Students will be required to participate in Science Lab safety procedures. Students will be informed of the safety rules and guidelines for a science lab; they will also learn about lab safety symbols and what to do in the case of an emergency. Students and parents will be

required to review and sign a lab safety contract. Students will not be permitted to participate in any science labs until Science Lab Safety contracts have been signed by both the student and parent and returned to school.

Science Projects: Students may be required to participate and complete Science Projects. Science projects may require some out of class time and preparation. Projects will be graded as an assignment; grades will reflect the amount of time and effort put into the project. Projects will be announced several days/ weeks in advance to give parents time to accumulate materials.

Smart Watch: Smart watches will be permitted in class only as a watch to tell time. Students caught interacting with their watch will face the consequences outlined in the student handbook under phones.

Study Guides: Students will complete a study guide for each Chapter test. Students will be given multiple days in class to complete the study guide; anything not completed in the provided class time will be homework and should be completed by the student at home. Study guides will be graded in class and correct answers recorded. Study guides are worth more than daily assignments and should be taken seriously.

Supplies: Students are expected to come to class fully prepared with all necessary supplies to begin working after the tardy bell. Should students come to class unprepared, they will be sent to their locker to retrieve supplies/ assignments and will be forced to use one of their hall passes.

Tardy: Students will be expected to be in the classroom and in their seats when the bell rings. If students are not in their seats when the bell rings they will be marked as tardy. If a student receives 3 tardies, they will receive a day of detention.

Tests: Students will complete a test for each Chapter covered in class. It is the student's responsibility to study for their tests. Tests are worth more than daily assignments and should be taken seriously.

Textbook: Each student will have a textbook to use at their seat. Textbooks are NOT allowed to be taken home by students. Should students need the chapter/ lesson text for homework, a paper copy may be obtained, used and kept at home.

Vocabulary: Students will be required to define each chapter/ lesson vocab in their composition book. Vocab will be collected and graded at the end of each chapter.

Worksheets: Students will complete two worksheets for each lesson; a quiz and a review and reinforce worksheet. Students should use their textbook to look up the answer to each question. Worksheets will be due at the beginning of the hour the following day.

- Please note that rules and guidelines are subject to change throughout the year to ensure the best experience for all students, parents and teachers.