



7th Grade Science Syllabus and Classroom Procedures

Northwest Guilford Middle School

Mr. Brian Snipes

Course Description:

In 7th Grade Science, students will develop an understanding for key concepts that relate to Earth's atmosphere, weather and climate, physics, unicellular and multicellular organisms, human body systems, and genetics. Homework/classwork, notes, labs, and group activities will be used to help introduce, review, and provide enrichment for these key concepts. Quizzes, tests, and projects will be used for students to demonstrate their mastery of these key concepts.

Units will focus on the following 4 major topics:

Atmospheric Conditions and Weather/Climate
Cells and Human Body Systems

Forces, Motion and Energy
Genetics and Heredity

General Rules for Mr. Snipes' Class: Be on time, be prepared, be respectful and be responsible.

Expectations (#Hashtags) for class:

- ▶ Be Respectful (*#TreatOthersHowYouWantToBeTreated*)
- ▶ Trash Goes In The Can (*#NotYourMaid*)
- ▶ Be Kind (*#KindnessMatters #Care*)
- ▶ No Cell Phone Use In Class (*#NoTexting #NoPictures*)
- ▶ Listen (*#TuneIn*)
- ▶ Come To Class Prepared (*#Priorities*)
- ▶ Try Your Best (*#Goals*)
- ▶ Follow Directions (*#KeepCalm&FollowOn*)
- ▶ Have A Positive Attitude (*#AttitudeDeterminesDirection*)
- ▶ Raise Your Hand (*#ThinkBeforeYouSpeak*)
- ▶ Respect Yourself (*#BeBold #BeBrave #BeYou*)
- ▶ Work Hard (*#SaveTheExcuses*)
- ▶ Stay Seated (*#Don'tJumpJumpJumpAround*)
- ▶ Be Responsible (*#YouAreInChargeOfYou*)

Earned Consequences: The teacher may require detention during the lunch period, make a call to the parent, setup a team conference with the student, or hold a parent conference with the team of teachers.

Late Work:

- Students that do not turn in homework/classwork on time will be allowed to turn in the assignment late and still receive partial credit. To earn credit for the late assignment, a homework excuse note must be taken home and filled in by the student, signed by a parent/guardian and returned with the missing assignment. **NO NOTE, NO GRADE.** A late assignment will be entered into the

gradebook as a zero until the assignment and excuse note have been turned in. All work should be submitted 5 days prior to the end of the quarter. There will be a **10 point deduction per day** (up to 50 points), then graded according to the rubric for that assignment.

Missed Work:

- a) It is **the student's** responsibility to obtain the homework assignments, notes & any other pertinent information that is missed during an absence.
- b) It is **the student's** responsibility to talk with the teacher about how to complete and turn in missing work in a timely manner. (Students have up to 3 school days to complete and turn in missed work to an absence.)
- c) **Homework will be posted in class for students to copy down and it will also be sent out nightly on Remind.**

Grading:

- Tests and Projects: 40%
- Quizzes: 30%
- Classwork: 30% (Includes Homework, Labs, Notebook Checks and Warm-Ups)

Any classwork and/or lab assignment may be collected and graded. Students should attempt and do their best on all assignments.

If you see an "Ex" in the grade book for an assignment, that means the student has been excused from that assignment for one reason or another.

For the most part, assignments will be graded and returned with 5 school days. ****Projects may take longer to grade due to depth of assignments****

Tutoring:

I am available for tutoring most mornings from 8:00-8:30am. Students must notify me at least one day in advance if they wish to come in early for tutoring. Any student coming to tutoring must get a tutoring pass from me. Students may be turned away from tutoring if I am unaware they are coming and have scheduled a meeting or have tasks which need to be completed prior to the start of the school day. Please keep in mind that tutoring is a privilege. If a student is not being responsible and respectful during class they can lose their tutoring privilege until their behavior improves.

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Teachers will contact parents/guardians to share good news concerning their student's educational growth or to discuss behaviors or work habits that might cause the student difficulty in class. Parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers through e-mail.

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