

# 7th Grade Science Syllabus

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## Course description

In this class we will build on science concepts related to Life Science, as well as lab safety and science skills. We will be investigating cells, human body systems, natural selection & adaptations, biodiversity, space exploration & ecology, and natural & human events.

## Expectations

There are 4 non-negotiable rules in our classroom to ensure class productivity and engagement.

### **Rule #1: Be prepared for class**

- Always have materials needed for class.
- Be ready to learn 100% of the time in class.

### **Rule #2: Be mindful of space**

- Keep hands and feet to yourself.

### **Rule #3: Be respectful to all**

- Respect is vital here.
- Refer back to our Respect Agreements.

### **Rule #4: Be proud of your work**

- Proudness is driven by effort and dedication, no matter the task. Always give me your best work and your brightest ideas.

## Absence/Make-up work

All notes and assignments will be posted on Schoology every day. Physical copies/handouts will be found in your folder. It is the student's responsibility to gather their missing work and submit it on time.

## Late-work Policy

All assignments are due at the beginning of class, unless explicitly told otherwise. As per DCMS policy, 7th graders will receive 20 points off after one day, 30 points off for two days late, and/or a maximum grade of 50 for three or more days late

## Re-test Policy

As per DCMS policy, all students who score less than 75% are required to take a re-test for major grade assessments. The maximum score earned on a re-test is 75%.

## Cell Phone/ Electronics Policy

Cell phones must be put away, out of sight, and unheard. They will be used on special occasions ONLY.

## Behavioral Management

Any misconduct and misdemeanors that violate DCMS' code of conduct and our own class rules will be dealt with accordingly. "Breach of Respect Agreement" forms will be sent home if a student engages in misconduct. These need to be signed within 2 school days by a parental guardian and can result in further consequences (detention, office referral, etc. depending on each case).

## Classroom Procedures

**Daily Warm-ups:** Every class will start with a warm-up on Schoology. Students have exactly 8 minutes after the class bell to complete their warm-up accurately, using notes if needed. THREE warm-ups will be graded each week and averaged together on Skyward. Graded warm-ups are pre-determined, but students will not know if their daily warm-up is graded until we review the answers. If a student is tardy without a pass, they will not get additional time and automatically score a zero if they do not submit the warm-up on time. If a student is absent, they will be excused for the day, but their other warm-ups will still be averaged together.

**Folders:** Students will have personal folders provided by the teacher that will stay in the classroom. Each day, these folders will contain classwork/handouts that will be completed when directed by the teacher. Students will also submit homework or other assignments in their folders by placing it in the folders before the end of class.

**Notebooks:** Students will keep interactive science notebooks that will be used every day. It is the student's responsibility to keep their notebook neat, organized, and with their belongings. There will be periodic graded notebook checks.

## Supplies Needed

The following items will need to be in each student's backpack or binder EVERYDAY:

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| -#2 pencils | -Notebook paper | - <u>College-ruled composition notebook (used EVERY class)</u> |
| -glue stick | -pen            | -colored pencils/crayons/markers                               |

## **Additional Information Needed**

**Parent/Guardian Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**Email:**

**Pictures and Videos:** Pictures and or videos will be taken throughout the school year to highlight the awesome work of our students. The pictures and videos will be used and displayed within the school only. Please mark below if the 7th grade Science department has permission to take pictures and videos of your child and display it throughout the school and within any parent communication (email, newsletter).

**No photos or videos of my child.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Photos and videos allowed.** \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the above policies and procedures, and do understand and agree to abide by them. I also understand that the teacher may modify these policies if necessary.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/ Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this page to Ms. Nguyen no later than Friday,  
August 18<sup>th</sup>.**