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**SYLLABUS**

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**COURSE/GRADE LEVEL** Seventh Grade Science

**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Prentice Hall Science Explorer Series, science journals and web-based resources, science lab equipment

**MAJOR TOPICS\***

**Inquiry:** Scientific Method,

**Life Science:** Characteristics of living things, Classification of living things, Ecology, Ecosystems, Environmental Interactions, and Organisms

**Physical Science:** Properties of Matter, Particulate Model of Matter, Motion, Forces, & Energy

**ASSESSMENT TOOLS\***

**The following assessment tools may be used but are not limited to:**

Comprehensive Science Notebook	MCAS Testing Practice
Homework /Class work	Lab Practical
Class participation	Diagrams
Projects	Multimedia Presentations
Quizzes/Tests/Exams	Maps/Illustrations
Journals	Interdisciplinary Activities
Writing Assignments	Open response/Essays
Teacher Observation	Research Reports
Co-operative Learning Projects	Rubrics
Oral Presentations	Simulations
Field Experience	Document Analysis
Self-Evaluation	Peer-Evaluation

**HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS\***

Homework must be completed conscientiously and is due on the next class meeting unless otherwise directed. Late homework will receive reduced credit. Assignments not completed in a reasonable time will receive no credit. Late projects will lose one letter grade for every day they are late. If a student is absent on the date a project is due they must make every effort to turn in the project on the due date.

**GRADING POLICY**

Notebook	15%	Quizzes	15%
Homework/Classwork	20%	Tests	20%
Class Participation	10%	Projects	20%

Labs may be valued as either class work or projects at teacher discretion.

### **MAKEUP PROCEDURE\***

- It is the responsibility of students to make-up assignments missed due to absence.
- Homework assignments should be completed within 2 days of student's return to school.
- It is the student's responsibility to arrange for the make-up of missed quizzes, tests, labs, etc., to take place before or after school.

In cases of extended absence or extenuating circumstances, modification of this policy may be made as needed. A pattern of absences on test or project due dates will necessitate a discussion with guidance and parents/guardians.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION\***

**Students must bring the following supplies to class daily:**

- Writing Utensil--pencil and pen (blue or black only)
- Agenda book--it is the student's responsibility to record all assignments and ask for clarification as needed.
- Science Notebook --the notebook should be neat, organized & up-to-date. Notebooks will be evaluated throughout the term, often without previous notice.
- Textbook (It must be covered within 2 days of receipt.)
- An open mind and enthusiasm to learn and grow as a scientist.
- RESPECT!

The internet will be used under close supervision. Notify teacher of any concerns.

Extra help will be available most days before or after school as needed. This includes pre-test review.

All work should be labeled with the student's full name, division, date, and title of assignment.

Assignments are posted in the classroom and online at [www.new.schoolnotes.com/team7science](http://www.new.schoolnotes.com/team7science)

Students told to report after school for disciplinary issues (tardiness, disruptive, unprepared etc.) are to stay that day unless prior arrangements are made before dismissal. Failing to do so may result in an office detention.

### **FIELD EXPERIENCES & GUEST SPEAKERS**

Students may attend field trips during the year. Students will occasionally work outside the school building as part of their learning experience. Guest speakers may visit our classroom to share their scientific expertise.

**\*Adjustments may be made in this syllabus to meet student needs. See Individual Student Education Plans or 504 Plans for modification where applicable.**