

Life Science Syllabus

Waverly Middle School

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8th Grade

#WMSLIFESCIENCE

Welcome to 8th grade Life Science! We are excited to have you in our class! We hope that you are ready to work hard and have some FUN. We expect you to come to class every day with a positive attitude.



"Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice."
- Anton Chekhov



What do you need for class?

1. Pen/Pencil
2. Science Notebook and Folder
3. Assignment Notebook
4. AR book

Things that you will be up to...

1. Living things
2. Cells & their functions
3. The scientific process
4. SCIENCE FAIR
5. Viruses, Bacteria, Protists, & Fungi
6. Sponges, Cnidarians, & Worms
7. Mollusk, Arthropods, & Echinoderms
8. Fish, Amphibians, & Reptiles
9. Frog Dissection
10. Birds and Mammals
11. Pig Dissection
12. Animal Behaviors
13. Biomes
14. Darwin's Theory & Evolution
15. Plants



EXPECTATIONS

Be Prepared

Use time Wisely

Complete task on time

Be RESPECTFUL of Others

Do The RIGHT Thing

CONSEQUENCES

Behavior:

- 1st offense - Verbal Warning, Documentation
- 2nd offense - After School Retraining, Parent Contact
- 3rd offence - Office Contact and Parent Meeting

Tardy:

- 1st offense - Warning
- 2nd offense - 5 Minutes after School
- 3rd offence - 10 Minutes after School and Parent Contact

Most of our work is completed in class, however, on occasion, work will need to be completed at home.

What about Homework?

Some homework, such as questions from the book, small learning projects, or other formative type assignments will be assessed for correctness so both the teacher and the student know if the student is on track with the course material. A formal grade may not be entered in the grade book for certain assignments. Grading rubrics will be used for particular assignments.

Grading Policy

Notes

5 - 10 points

Quizzes

10 - 20 points

Worksheets

10 - 20 points

Grades are calculated via total points.

Labs

50 points

Tests

50 - 150 points

Retakes

Students may retake quizzes and tests that they fail.

Must be done before or after school.

Must be scheduled within 5 days after the assignment has been returned.

Prior to the retake, the student must meet with the teacher before or after school to review the material.

Retakes may not be in the same format as the original.

The grade recorded will be the average of the original grade and retake score.

Late Work

Late work due to an absence

The student will receive the same number of school days to make up work as they were absent.

Example: gone 2 days = 2 days to make work up

Late work without an absence

Late work will incur a penalty (loss of points)

A ZERO will be recorded for any missing work until it is turned in.



Gone?

1. If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to get any work missed before or after class, not during class.

2. If you are gone for a school event, pre-scheduled event or appointment you are responsible for getting your work turned in the day that it is due.

Need HELP?

Typically, we are available at 8:00 am if you would like help before school, and after school until 4:00 pm.

It is best to schedule a time, to be sure that we are available.

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