

7th Grade Science Syllabus

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Course Description:

- **Academic Objectives**

The Scandinavian science department promotes higher order thinking skills (HOTs). These skills will be used to chart data, graph data, interpret graphs, summarize results, and ultimately solve a problem. Students must also understand that all disciplines on campus (ELA, Math, Social Sciences, Technology, and PE) are utilized in science, and will be connected in the science curriculum. This science course follows strictly, the 7th and 8th grade NGSS standards adopted by FUSD. Mastery for each standard will be demonstrated for each student at the conclusion of the standard.

- **Student Behavior Plan**

As teachers, our jobs are to build an environment that supports learning for all students. As a result, if there is a student struggling to follow class expectations, or **cursing**, we follow a step by step process that will allow the student to correct their behavior. In science, we follow a behavior matrix that allows us to proactively correct behavior before it becomes a habit.

1st Offense: Student will receive a verbal redirection

2nd Offense: A phone call will be made to the parent

3rd Offense: A referral will be sent to the office

- **Grading**

A: 100% - 80%

B: 79% - 60%

C: 59% - 40%

D: 39% - 20%

F: 19% - 0%

- **Homework—**

The majority of student work will be completed in class. If a student fails to complete an assignment in class, it will be their responsibility to complete the assignment at home.

- **Course Assessments/Major Projects-**

- District Common Assignments for every quarter that would include a variety of different methods for assessment that include:

- Multimedia presentations
- Writing
- Creating Models
- Lab Reports

District Goals:



- All students will excel in reading, writing, and math
- All students will engage in arts, activities, and athletics
- All students will demonstrate the character and competencies for workplace success
- All students will stay in school on target to graduate

Materials required (daily): List

- Scan Agenda
- Pencil
- Inspire Workbook
- Interactive Notebook (will be given in class)
- Laptop/ Tablet and charger

Late Work Policy—

- Students are required to do all assignments, even when absent. Students can see the teacher for missing assignments after an absence. All assignments can be turned at any time during the quarter for full credit- whether it was missing or needing improvement. There is no late credit given.

Effect of Absence on Grade

- If a student’s absence is excused under Education Code 48205, he/she shall be allowed to complete any missed assignments or tests that be reasonably given, as determined by the teacher of that class. The student shall be given full credit for the assignment or test if he/she satisfactorily completes the assignment or test within a reasonable period of time. (Education Code 48205)
- Excused Absences – Absence from school shall be excused only for health reasons, family emergencies, and justifiable personal reasons, as permitted by law and Board policy and specified in administration regulations. (Education Code 48205)

Hall Pass and Restroom:

- Students are required to use their agenda as a hall pass.

Tardy Policy:

Professional behavior includes punctuality (arriving to class on time). Students who are late to class must have a tardy pass; students who do not have a pass will be asked to obtain one from a campus administrator. Students who demonstrate a pattern of tardiness will be assigned class detention in order to make up for lost instructional time. An excessive number of tardies will be addressed through the Scandinavian Restorative Discipline Policy.

Parent – Student – Teacher Agreement Letter

Greetings,

To assist us in helping your student be successful, please complete the following:

Guardian Name:

Guardian Phone number:

What does your student need to succeed in my science class?

Best regards,

Joshua Elsasser

Scandinavian Middle School

Parent/Guardian Printed

Parent/Guardian

Date

Student name

Student Signature

Date

