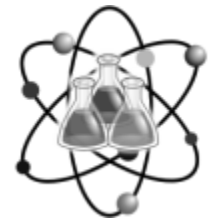


# Diamond Fork Middle School

## 7th Grade Integrated Science



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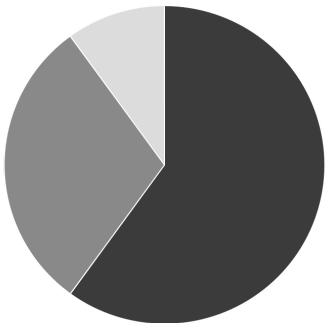
**Course Description:** The seventh grade standards focus on relationships of cause and effect which enable students to pinpoint mechanisms of nature and allow them to make predictions. Students will explore how forces can cause changes in motion and are responsible for the transfer of energy and the cycling of matter. They will study the forces that shape our planet and the environments on Earth that provide the conditions for life as we know it. Students will learn about living organisms, genetics, fossil records, evolution and classification and kingdoms of species.

**Expectations:** In order for everyone to have a positive learning experience in this class, I expect that you always do your best. If you are doing your best you will abide by the following guidelines:

- 1) Be Polite—respect your teacher, classmates, and yourself. Follow directions, listen and talk when appropriate, keep hands and objects to yourself.
- 2) Be Punctual—be on time!
- 3) Be Prepared—have paper, pencil, and completed homework with you.
- 4) Be Positive—use positive language. No putdowns, profanity, whining, etc. Participate in class activities.

**Required Materials:** Please bring the following to class **EVERY DAY**.

- Pencil/Pen (No yellow, purple or red pens, please).
- 3-Ring Binder (1" or 1.5" to keep your notes organized and accessible. (Or you might use one binder for all your classes and create sections for science and science vocabulary).
- One Divider for your binder labeled "Vocabulary."
- Colored Pencils are highly recommended
- It is highly recommended that each student has their own earbuds for computer work.



**Grades are weighted as follows:**

Mastery Scores: Tests/Quizzes/Projects  
These scores are worth the most points. (50% of grade)

Assignments: Many of the assignments will be done in class. These scores are next highest in points (40% of grade)

Preparedness: Turning things in on time/Participating in class/Bell Work (10% of grade)

A = 84.5-100%  
B = 69.5-84.4%  
C = 54.5-69.4%  
F = 54.4-0%  
P = Pass

**Preparedness:** \_The easiest way to keep your preparedness points high is to turn in assignments on time! Absent work must be made up within **three school days of the absence or it will be marked as late.** Special circumstances will be dealt with individually. Some make-up work may require that you come in during Rattler Time, or stay after school. If you miss a day, please check the 7th Grade Science Canvas page for the work that you missed.

\*If you are absent for a quiz or test, you may come in to make it up during Rattler Time, or you can set up a time with me before or after school.

**Homework:** Most work will be done in class. However, assignments not completed in class become homework. These are to be completed and turned in at the beginning of the next class day unless otherwise stated.

**Honesty/Integrity:** Cheating in any form is unacceptable. A student who is caught cheating will receive a zero for the assignment/assessment, and will have their citizenship dropped to a "U". In addition, they will feel really guilty for cheating. The student will redo the assignment/assessment for 50% credit.

**Citizenship:** At Diamond Fork Middle School, we value our behavior as much as our academics. Your citizenship grade in this class will be based on the following scale:

- S (Satisfactory) = 90-100
- N (Needs improvement) = 65-89
- U (Unsatisfactory) = 0-64



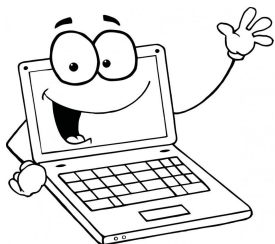
## **DIAMOND FORK VALUES CITIZENSHIP**

<b>RESPECT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*I treat teachers, staff, students, and substitutes politely.</li> <li>*I take care of school property and the property of others.</li> <li>*I follow classroom rules including cell phone use.</li> <li>*I come prepared for class.</li> </ul>
<b>COMPASSION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*I treat others with kindness at all times, including on social media.</li> <li>*I watch for others who may need a friend, including members of my team.</li> </ul>
<b>COURAGE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*I stand up for myself and others if bullied.</li> <li>*I tackle tasks that are difficult.</li> <li>*I risk making mistakes. I learn from my mistakes.</li> </ul>
<b>INTEGRITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*I demonstrate honesty in my actions and words.</li> <li>*I do my own work without copying others or allowing others to copy from me.</li> </ul>
<b>PERSEVERANCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*I engage and participate during the entire class period.</li> <li>*I complete and take pride in my work.</li> <li>*I turn in assignments on time.</li> <li>*I re-do assignments when needed.</li> <li>*I stay back for E-Time when asked without complaint.</li> </ul>

While you may lose points for breaking class/school rules, you can also gain points back for outstanding behavior. **\*\*Poor behavior for a substitute will automatically drop a student's citizenship to a "U."**

**If you need to make up points, for excellent behavior in class, 10 points will be awarded back per week.**

**Food in the classroom:** There is none!!! Please do not bring any food into the classroom. A water bottle that closes tightly may be brought to class.



**Chromebooks:** In addition to our textbooks, Science classes will be using Chromebooks for student learning. It is expected that students adhere to their Computer use

Agreement. All students will be trained in and required to abide by department procedures. Violations of the Computer Use Agreement or department procedures could result in loss of citizenship and suspension of use of the device for an established period of time. In the event of vandalism, the student will be required to pay for damages or replace the device if necessary.

**Hall passes:** Come to class prepared! Please use the bathroom and fill your water bottle before class. You will only be allowed to leave class for emergencies.

**Questions or Concerns:** If you find yourself confused or overwhelmed, please talk with me to arrange a time to come in before school, after school, or during Rattler Time so that we can get you started.

**Parents/Guardians,** you may reach me before or after school (801-798-4052) or by email [becky.antares@nebo.edu](mailto:becky.antares@nebo.edu). Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student. Please refrain from texting or calling your students during class. The front office can get a message to your child in a more school appropriate manner. I look forward to a fantastic year!

**Video Clips:** Throughout the year, I may show a video clip or selection from a documentary series. These episodes include but are not limited to:

- ❖ Planet Earth (BBC)
- ❖ Our Planet (Youtube)
- ❖ Inside Planet Earth (Discovery)
- ❖ Earth Collection (Discovery)
- ❖ Raging Planet (Discovery)
- ❖ Fabric of the Cosmos (PBS)
- ❖ Faces of Earth (Science Channel)
- ❖ Dogs that Changed the World (Nature)
- ❖ Galapagos (IMAX)
- ❖ Human Body Pushing the Limits – Sight, Strength & Brain Power (Discovery)
- ❖ 95 Worlds and Counting (Discovery)
- ❖ Disney Imagineers (Disney)
- ❖ Bill Nye Movies
- ❖ Osmosis Jones
- ❖ A New Hope – Star Wars

Please note that I will be sending out project reminders, test dates, grade notifications, etc. by email in Infinite Campus.