

Diamond Fork Jr. High

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, fossil records, and genetics.

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 put downs, profanity, whining, etc. Participate in class activities.

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

- Pencil/Pen Pencils are preferred. You will make mistakes. That's okay, but you want to be able to fix them.
- 3-Ring Binder (1.5") THIS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOU. You will generally keep this in the classroom on an assigned shelf.
- Colored Pencils We will do lots of coloring, labeling, and drawing in Science. Having your own colored pencils will make this a lot easier for you.
- It is highly recommended that each student has their own earbuds for computer work.



Grading:

50% Mastery Scores: Tests/Quizzes/Projects

40% Assignments: Daily assignments, lab reports, etc

10% Completion: Bell work, ungraded practices, etc. – You will not be able to make up Completion assignments. If a student misses a completion assignment due to absence it will be marked as “Excused”.

Grading Scale:

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

Mr. Bell uses Canvas for all grading and grades are automatically transferred to Infinite Campus. Part of that grading includes using Canvas to note what students did well and where they need improvement on assignments. These notes do not transfer to Infinite Campus. For details about grades students and guardians will need to look at grades on Canvas. (Guardians can set up an “Observer” account to login and see the Canvas course details for their student)

Preparedness: Absent work must be made up within two 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 by scheduling with the teacher.

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". The student will redo the assignment/assessment for up to 50% credit.

Citizenship: Your citizenship grade in this class will be based on the following scale:

S (Satisfactory) = 90-100

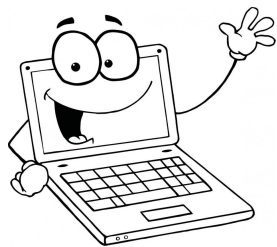
N (Needs improvement) = 65-89

U (Unsatisfactory) = 0-64



If a student's citizenship grade goes down, the student will have a conference with the teacher to discuss why the score was dropped and what the student can do to bring it back up. A student's guardians will be notified via email.

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.

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.

Guardians, The best way to contact me is by email david.bell@nebo.edu. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student. I will be happy to schedule a meeting or phone call with you. 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)
- ❖ Blue Planet (BBC)
- ❖ Inside Planet Earth (Discovery)
- ❖ Earth Collection (Discovery)
- ❖ Raging Planet (Discovery)
- ❖ Mythbusters (Discovery)
- ❖ The Universe (History)
- ❖ Fabric of the Cosmos (PBS)
- ❖ Faces of Earth (Science Channel)
- ❖ Schoolhouse Rock! Earth (Disney)
- ❖ 95 Worlds and Counting (Discovery)
- ❖ Disney Imagineers (Disney)
- ❖ OurPlanet (Netflix & YouTube)
- ❖ Dogs That Changed the World (Nature)
- ❖ Galapagos (Warner Brothers/IMAX)
- ❖ Human Body: Pushing the Limits (Discovery)

Please note that I will be sending out reminders and updates by text and/or email. If you have not updated your phone number and email address on InfiniteCampus, you can do that through the district web page or in the front office.