



Diamond Fork Jr. High

7th Grade Integrated Science



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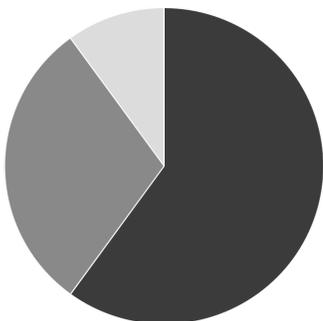
Course Description: The seventh grade standards focus on relationships of cause and effect which enable students to pinpoint mechanisms of nature and allow them to make predictions. Students will explore how forces can cause changes in motion and are responsible for the transfer of energy and the cycling 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, as well.

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, Bell Work, and completed homework with you. Homework will only be given if work isn't completed in class.
- 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 (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



Grades are weighted as follows:

50% Mastery Scores: Tests/Quizzes/Projects

40% Assignments: Many of the assignments will be done in class

10% Preparedness: Participating in class labs and activities, working with your science team

Grading Scale:

A =	90-100%
B =	80-89%
C =	70-79%
D =	60-69%

Preparedness: The easiest way to keep your preparedness points high is to turn in assignments on time! 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 E-time or stay after school. Some assignments expire or simply cannot be made up.

*If you are absent for a quiz or test, you may come in to make it up during E-time or 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: Your citizenship grade in this class will be based on the following scale:

S (Satisfactory) = 80-100

N (Needs improvement) = 50-79

U (Unsatisfactory) = 0-49



While you may lose points for breaking class/school rules, you will also earn Science Cash for outstanding behavior. The Science Cash can be used to raise your citizenship grade or to buy privileges. IT IS YOUR CHOICE AND RESPONSIBILITY to use Science Cash wisely.

**Poor behavior for a substitute will automatically drop a student's citizenship to a "U"

The Diamond Fork Junior High Values are listed below. You can lose citizenship points by choosing not to follow these values. However, by choosing to follow these rules you can earn science cash, recognition and other privileges. Choose to be great!

DIAMOND FORK VALUES CITIZENSHIP

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

Food in the classroom: There is none!!! Please do not bring any food or drink into the classroom (that includes water bottles). Exceptions include snacks that I may bring as part of an activity. Or a doughnut that a student might bring in an attempt to bribe the teacher. I accept almost all bribes...I just don't give students anything in return.



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: You can use the hall pass for emergencies. Please use the restroom during passing time between periods and at lunch.

Remind: This year we will be using “Remind” to keep parents and students informed about upcoming tests and big projects in science classes. You can also sign up for email or text reminders through Remind.com. To sign up for Remind please go to the following link: <https://www.remind.com/join> Or you can text @4bceb to the number 81010 (or 385-282-4105) to sign up.

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 E-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. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student. 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)
- ❖ Discovery Channel Various Sources
- ❖ The Universe (History)
- ❖ Fabric of the Cosmos (PBS)
- ❖ Faces of Earth (Science Channel)
- ❖ Schoolhouse Rock! Earth (Disney)
- ❖ 95 Worlds and Counting (Discovery)
- ❖ The Human Body: Pushing the Limits (Discovery)
- ❖ Star Wars: A New Hope

