

# Ready, Responsible, & Respectful

Garry Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Science Syllabus

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## Supplies Needed:

While assignments will be conducted digitally, at least for the first part of the year, I do encourage you to have paper and a writing utensil next to you when on the computer. A positive attitude that promotes the Garry culture of kindness and helpfulness is also expected in class daily.

## Cell Phones:

Cell phone can be an amazing tool, but can also be a huge distraction. I am hoping to incorporate cell phones into some lessons in hopes of teaching appropriate times to use them in class such as taking a photo of notes, using as a calculator/stopwatch or looking something up. For more information about the school policy on cell phones, please see the student handbook located in your planner.

## Ms. Bjordahl's Classroom Expectations

1. Come prepared for class every day.
2. Respect the speaker.
3. Be an active and engaged listener.
4. Be kind. Always.
5. Try your best.

## Consequences:

Everything you do in life, good or bad, results in a consequence. There are very few rules in science class, so I expect you to follow them. By 7<sup>th</sup> grade, students are expected to know how to behave appropriately; however, consequences will be issued when necessary.

## Ms. Bjordahl's Grading Policy:

Grades will be based on the number of points earned over the course of each quarter. I am very intentional with trying to give very little homework. However, if you choose not to use class time well or don't finish an assignment during class, then you will definitely have homework. Here are a few notes about grading:

- Participation is expected from every student from using class time wisely to asking questions. If you are on the borderline of a grade at Quarter/Semester, I will take into consideration your participation and effort in class
- Our entry task is called the "Daily Learning Opportunity" or DLO - will be worth two (2) points every day or ten (10) points per week. If you are absent, please make sure to get the DLO you missed from a classmate
- Labs and activities are typically worth the most points in class, so make sure you take the time to complete them
- End of units will have an assessment or progress for students to show their understanding of the material
- Once a quarter/semester has ended I will not accept any work from that quarter/semester. Everything must be turned in before the end of that grading period

Percentage	Letter Grade
93-100	A
90-92	A-
87-89	B+
83-86	B
80-82	B-
77-79	C+
73-76	C
70-72	C-
67-69	D+
60-66	D
Below 60	F

**Late or Missing Work**

Missing work will be put in the gradebook as a zero until it's turned in. The zero is only put in the gradebook as a reminder to turn in the assignment. I will accept all missing assignments.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Science Content:**

- Chapter 1: Studying Life
- Chapter 2: Living Things
- Chapter 3: Classifying Living Things
- Chapter 4: Physical Science Components
- Chapter 5: Ecosystems
- Chapter 6: Biomes
- Chapter 7: Cell Structure and Function
- Chapter 8: Cell Processes
- Chapter 9: The Microscopic World
- Chapter 10: Reproduction
- Chapter 11: Heredity
- Chapter 12: The Code of Life
- Chapter 13: Evolution
- Chapter 14: Earth and Life History
- Chapter 15: The Diversity of Life
- Chapter 16: Plants
- Chapter 17: Animals
- Chapter 18: Human Body Systems
- Chapter 19: Support and Movement
- Chapter 20: Vision and Hearing

I have read the preceding document and agree with the expectations, consequences, and guidelines.

Please initial in the appropriate box.

Student Initials

Parent/Guardian Initials

Thank you for sharing your student with me this year. I look forward to an awesome year of learning! If you have any questions or concerns at any time during the year, please feel free to contact me.