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**Science 7**

**Syllabus**

**2024-2025**



**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Science 7 is a course offered by Allegany-Limestone Middle School. This course covers the New York State Science Standards for grades 5-8 in Earth Science and Living Environment. We will be delving into topics such as Plate Tectonics, Earthquakes, Volcanoes, Minerals, Rocks, Earth’s Surface, Weathering, Erosion & Deposition, Earth’s Geologic time frame, Cell structure, function, processes and energy, Genetics, the Body Systems, Ecosystems, Biomes, Living Resources, and Energy Resources.

**STUDENT EXPECTATIONS**

**HONESTY**

**PRESENCE**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**RESPECT**

**All students will be expected to strive for their personal best and achieve at their highest level. To be successful in my class students are asked to follow the rules listed below:**

**1. Be on time, prepared for class and ready to work when the bell rings**

**2. Push in chairs and keep the class clean**

**3. Raise your hand and wait to be called on**

**4. Follow School Code of Conduct**

**5. Be respectful, kind and cooperate with classmates, teachers, and aides**

**6. Use your time wisely and take responsibility for your work**

**SCIENCE BINDER & POWERSCHOOL**

Students will complete in-class notes in their binder and most assignments will be submitted via Microsoft Teams. This is a way to monitor participation, preparedness and reflection of learned material.

Student’s science binders should be left in the science classroom each day. I rarely assign homework, and this prevents losing or forgetting needed materials.

\*\*If a student is absent, they are still responsible for all missed assignments and classwork. *It is the student’s responsibility to request the work they missed when they are absent* and also to keep track of their assignments in PowerSchool and/or Teams to ensure they have no owed or missing assignments (if a student submits an assignment with no name, I do not know whose it is. If a student checks their PowerSchool regularly, they will quickly see that they have received a ‘missing’ or ‘zero’ for an assignment they know they submitted and we can ID the no-name assignment and adjust their grade. If they do not check PowerSchool, they may not even be aware they have not received a grade).

**COURSE WORK**

**Grading Policy**

**EXTRA CREDIT POLICY:**

***I do not offer extra credit after tests/quizzes/assignments*** if a student does poorly. Study guides are provided for all tests. If students study and are prepared, they will be successful.

Extra credit may be offered as PART of an assignment. Please read carefully.

**NOTE:** IF on the super rare occasion that extra credit is offered after a test, all students who earn **less than a 90%** are expected to do the extra credit and can earn half pts back. If they opt NOT to do the extra credit, they will NOT be allowed to complete extra credit that may be offered in the future, until the start of the next semester (not quarter).

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| **Category** | **% of Final Grade** |
| Tests and Projects | 40 |
| Quizzes/Labs | 20 |
| Classwork | 25 |
| Participation/Binder Checks | 15 |

**Late Policy**

I know sometimes life gets busy and things come up which may prevent you from getting homework or assignments done. My late policy is flexible IF YOU LET ME KNOW **IN ADVANCE** THAT YOU WILL HAVE AN ISSUE WHICH WILL PREVENT YOU FROM TURNING IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT ON TIME. Late homework is accepted, however, any assignment turned in more than 2 days late will only be eligible for a maximum grade of 55%. Projects and Labs will have specific due dates and will lose 10% for each day that they are late. Points lost for being late cannot be corrected to make up points. I do not offer extra credit.

**School Attendance & Make-Up Work**

It is the expectation that students strive for the best attendance they can. If a student is absent, it is **his or her *responsibility*** to see the teacher for make-up work on the day they return to school. Missed work should be completed by the same number of days as you were absent. For example, if you missed two science classes then once you return to class, you have two days to make up the work. Tardiness to classes will follow the disciplinary policy and procedure.

**CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT**

**Disciplinary Policy & Procedures:** It is my job, as a teacher, to maintain an environment in which all students can learn comfortably. Disruptive, inappropriate, and disrespectful behaviors affect everyone in class and make it difficult to learn and teach. All students are expected to abide by the rules and regulations as set by the Allegany-Limestone School District’s student handbook. If any student chooses to not follow those rules and regulations, the following protocol will be used:

1. Warning

2. Student conference or seat change

3. Contact parents and guardians and/or

4. Disciplinary Referral and/or Parent Conference with student, teacher and/or administrator.

Certain offenses will NOT follow the above sequence. If a more serious offense occurs, the student may be directly referred to an administrator, or other disciplinary action may be taken.

*Please remove this page from the syllabus and return to Mrs. Straub. THANK YOU!*

**I will strive to keep you aware of your child’s progress in my class throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Email is best for the timeliest response:** [**dstraub@alcsny.org**](mailto:dstraub@alcsny.org) **I am looking forward to a great year!**

I have read and understand the expectations, for my son or daughter, in Mrs. Straub’s 7th Grade Science.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/ Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact Information: (email and cell #): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please share any information you would like with me: (Best time to call, anything I should be aware of, or how I can best help your child succeed). \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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