

## Course Syllabus

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Class: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

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### Course Description

Science Inquiry, nature of Science and Technology will include: controls & variable, scientific tools, communication, scientific knowledge, science as a human endeavor and technology.

Physical Science will include: properties & structures of matter, states of matter, physical & chemical changes and the classification of matter.

Life Science will include: characteristics of life, cellular composition, major systems of the human body, inherited traits and reproduction.

Earth Science will include: properties of earth materials, earth's processes, weather & climate.

### Materials Needed

Textbook: Cells & Heredity, Human Body, Chemical Building Blocks, Weather & Climate: Prentice Hall  
Other Materials: folder to keep assignments in, pencil or pen, folder kept in the classroom (provided)

### Academic and Behavioral Expectations

The class period is approximately 42 minutes long. There will be several guided and independent activities that will take place in that time. It is expected that the student work within Wahoo Middle School's academic and behavioral expectations. (see below) All homework assigned will be due at the beginning of class unless otherwise noted. Quizzes and tests will be announced in advance and need to be completed the day that they are assigned. Long-term projects will also be announced in advance and are to be completed by the date assigned.

#### ***Wahoo Middle School Academic Expectations***

- *Be on time and prepared for learning*
- *Complete assigned tasks on time*
- *Strive for academic success*
- *Use work time productively*
- *Respect people and property*
- *Respond appropriately to staff directives*

### Grading

All assignments, quizzes, test, and projects will be graded on point value system. The amount of points assigned will be based on teacher judgments.

Assignments: 2-15 pts.

Quizzes: 15-30 pts.

Projects: 25-40 pts.

Tests: 40-75 pts.

### Additional Information

If a student misses class, the responsibility of getting the notes, activity sheets and assignments is that of the student. A copy The student can ask questions or seek additional help outside of class in several ways. The teacher is available before school, during study hall and during lunch. I am not here after school hours.

### Assignment format:

- assignments
- lab reports
- quizzes
- tests
- Projects- Ex: models, PowerPoint's, posters, computer software,