

Mr. Sweat
8th Integrated Science
20010-2011

Disclosure

My contact Information:

My prep period: T, W, Th, F : 10:17-11:03

Consultation Time: Mondays 1:20-2:30

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I'm very excited to have you in my class this year. I think you will love this class. We will be learning about four major branches of science: Biology, Physics, Chemistry, and Geology. The curriculum is great and we do many hands-on activities. Science is all around us and it can be fascinating to learn about. It is my goal to help my students feel this way and by doing so help them gain knowledge and experience that will benefit them in the future.

This year is a very exciting year for RMMS we will be utilizing some new technology in our classrooms including a digital curriculum and one-to-one computers. Because of this rules, policies, procedures and some of the information in this document may change throughout the year. I will send updates via email as needed.

Course Objectives:

- I. Utah 8th Grade Integrated Science Core Curriculum
 - a. **Standard 1:** Students will understand the nature of changes in matter. (Chemistry)
 - b. **Standard 2:** Students will understand that energy from sunlight is changed to chemical energy in plants, transfers between living organisms, and that changing the environment may alter the amount of energy provided to living organisms. (Biology)
 - c. **Standard 3:** Students will understand the processes of rock and fossil formation. (Geology)
 - d. **Standard 4:** Students will understand the relationships among energy, force, and motion. (Physics)

Classroom Rules & Expectations:

Respect:

1. *Teacher*
2. *Students*
3. *Property*

Students are also expected to observe the following classroom and school policies:

1. Responsible means to be prepared when you come to class with pencil, folder, notes, computer, computer power cord, completed homework, etc.
2. Students are expected to come prepared to class and to stay in class. Hall pass use will be limited to two per quarter except in emergencies.
3. Students are expected to adhere to the RMMS Dress Code Policy. Students are expected to submit quality work and show mastery of principles to the level expected by the Utah State Core. Students are expected to be morally responsible. Moral responsibility includes honestly completing and evaluating assignments and tests. Students may be asked to evaluate each other's work. Cheating will not be tolerated.
4. Students will adhere to RMMS policy on electronics and devices in class. You are only to use such devices and technology when directed by the teacher. Failure to do so will result in appropriate consequences.
5. Students are expected to confirm the accuracy of their own grade and attendance. Students may access their grades and attendance records on-line at www.wasatch.edu.

6. Students are expected to save corrected work should a question arise regarding the accuracy of their grade. Student storage folders will be available in the classroom. Students are expected to save work on their computers as often as they can.
7. Students are expected to attend class on time daily. Effort, participation, attitude, and attendance will be evaluated in determining the citizenship grade of each student.
8. Your work is late if it is not completed and turned in when called for. I will accept late work with a percentage deduction at my discretion. However late work deductions will only affect the citizenship grade and not the academic grade for the class.
9. Students are expected to practice safety and maintain cleanliness in the classroom and lab. Food or drink **may** be allowed from time to time in the classroom depending on the activity. If this privilege is abused it will be taken away.
10. Disrespect to me or your fellow students will not be tolerated. You may receive a verbal warning first or be asked to leave class, to work on another assignment, to clean the classroom during lunch or after school, to attend PASS, to complete a lunch detention, and parents may or may not be notified of the behavior depending on the seriousness.

Exceptions to Late Work Policy (only affects citizenship):

- 1- Any student that qualifies for IEP, 504, or ESL will be worked with on an individual basis.
- 2- Any student who contacts me **before** coming to class the day the assignment is due **may** have an exception to the late work rule.
- 3- Please contact me through e-mail, and voice mail (through the school number).
- 4- All late work must be turned in by mid-term and the last week of each term. Students will be given warnings as these deadlines approach.

Grading Policy

My grading policy may be different from other teachers please read carefully.

Grades are based on the knowledge a student has on a given topic. Your letter grade will represent performance on assessments during the course. These assessments may be in the form of labs, tests, quizzes, worksheets, etc.

Citizenship will represent everything else that occurs in the classroom. It will include tardiness, participation, completed work, punctuality, effort, attitude, etc.

Materials Needed for this Class:

You are required to bring your computer, fully charged, every day to class along with the power cord. You may also use a simple 3 ring binder with pockets and dividers, pencils, pens, loose-leaf paper. If you break classroom supplies or materials you may be required to replace them.

Tardy Policy:

To be tardy means you are not in your seat when the bell rings.

You may be excused if you have a note from a parent or teacher. Students will have one free tardy per quarter. Every other tardy after that will result in a lunch detention that day (lunch will be provided in the classroom or the PASS room).

Bathroom/Drink Policy

Students must ask for permission and sign out before leaving class. Students may leave the classroom two times per quarter unless, in is an emergency. Exceptions will be made for kids whose IEP's, etc, dictate.

Extra Credit:

I may offer extra credit from time to time. These opportunities may include a variety of activities such as reports, posters, cleaning the classroom, bringing in classroom supplies, cleaning pet cages, etc. These are all optional.

Evaluation: We follow the district guidelines for secondary grading policy. Refer to district website for grade cutoffs. If a student has a zero on any assignment it will prevent them from having an "A" in class regardless of performance on other tests or assignments.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. Parents, I am on your team and also want what is best for your child. I hope that we can all work together in having a great year. Also, this disclosure is subject to change upon notification, if some things are not working well, we may have to adjust. You may access your own copy on my webpage at wasatch.edu.

Thank you, Mr. Sweat

You and your parent or guardian must read and sign this disclosure. Return this signed tomorrow to class. This is your first assignment. Turn it in on time. Signing below signifies you have read and understand this document.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Print Name

Parent E-MAIL