**2019-2020 7th GRADE SCIENCE SYLLABUS**

**Twality Middle School**

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**What is Science?** This is a required academic course that studies the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment.

**What topics will I study?**Using the Scientific Method and the Engineering Design Processes students will study:

Physical Science – Atoms & molecules, chemical reactions.

Life Science – Matter and energy in ecosystems.

Earth Science – Geological processes, energy & resources, natural disasters.

**What supplies do I bring to class?**You need to have these following things in class EVERYDAY:

1. At least 2 pencils with erasers or pens (black or blue)
2. Charged IPad
3. INB (Interactive Notebook)

**How will I be graded?**

You will be graded on standards based performance (summative & quizzes), as well as on your daily work (classwork & bell work).

**Grading Scale:**

87.5-100% = A = 4 = Exceeds proficiency

75-87.4%   = B = 3 = Meets proficiency

50-74.9%   = C = 2 = Approaching proficiency

25-49.9%   = D = 1 = Beginning

less than 25%= F = Incomplete

**Grade Weight**

Assessments 50%

Classwork 30%

Bell Work 10%

Quizzes 10%

***NEVER THROW AWAY (OR RECYCLE) ANY OF YOUR WORK!***

**How should my assignments look?**

Use the proper heading on all assignments (first & last name, date, period).  Your assignments should always be neat, legible and complete. Your **best work** is expected.

**Homework and Late Assignments:**

Assignments will be accepted until the end of each **quarter**. If you do not finish classwork, or a project during class then it becomes homework. I will not assign extra assignments for the purpose of giving you homework. In other words, if you finish your work in class then you do not have homework.

**What should I do if I am absent?**

Check Schoology! You will have access to bell work, assignments, the class calendar, and materials through Schoology. The class calendar will provide you information on what you missed.

**How do I know when I have been excused to leave at the end of the class period?**

At the end of class Mr. Poland will excuse you after the classroom is clean and put away. You are expected to clean up after yourself, and push in your chair daily. Science gets messy, which means we will all have to do our part in cleaning up at the end of class. Many hands make light work ☺

**What happens if I break the rules?**

1st time              Verbal reminder from teacher

2nd time        Parent contact

3rd time              Student completes a “Behavior Reflection” form in another classroom. Parent contact.

4th time              Disciplinary referral. Parent contact.

**What happens if I am tardy to class?**

1st time                                            Verbal recognition

2nd time                                           Parent /guardian contact: phone call or email

3rd time Lunch detention

4rd time After school detention

**How and when will I contact parents / guardians?**

I will contact you through **email** if your student:

1. Breaks the rules twice
2. Student receives a “behavior reflection”.
3. Receives a disciplinary referral.
4. Arrives late to class 2+ times.
5. Refuses to complete work / is falling behind academically.

**What else do I need to know for us to get along?**

Please be **safe** at all times.

Please treat yourself, your classmates, and teachers as you would like to be treated: with **respect.**

I encourage you to take ownership of your achievements and mistakes. Taking **personal responsibility** for your words, actions and outcomes will lead to success!

Disruptions/distractions take away from the learning environment. Please wait to be called on and **contribute** to the best of your ability. I expect that you give your best effort.

I want to encourage you to be **curious** and ask questions.

Any racial/ethnic/gender/religious slurs, swearing, negative talk, put-downs, yelling and/or screaming will not be tolerated. It is expected that you will behave as a **professional.**

***Be Safe***

***Be Respectful***

***Be Responsible***

**Students & parent/guardians: Please read, sign and return. By signing you are acknowledging that you have read and understand classroom expectations. The information on this course syllabus are subject to change.**

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Parent/Guardian Name (Print)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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