



# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Science

## Class Requirements & Expectations

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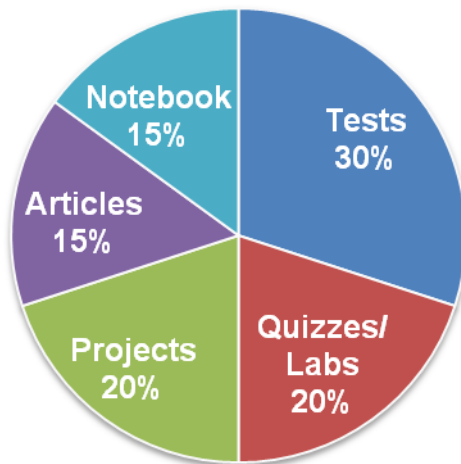
### Welcome!

Welcome to 7<sup>th</sup> grade Life Science! This year will be one of both learning and fun, as we explore the world of living things and their surroundings. Throughout the year, I hope to provide both a positive and safe learning environment. This can only be accomplished with **your help**. Our ultimate goal is to have both personal **and** academic growth.

The content area of science is the tool being used to help you develop and improve your life skills. The demands that I place on you, both as people and as students, will help you to grow in the areas of responsibility, balancing, prioritizing, dealing with stress, dealing with success and failure, communicating and interacting in a positive manner. These are skills that **we all** need to succeed in the world.

### Grading

#### Marking Period Grade



- **Tests** – Given at the conclusion of each unit, Unit Assessments are administered to determine mastery of content covered. Unit tests are always announced at least one week in advance.
- **Quizzes and Labs** – Quizzes are administered regularly (approx. once a week), can be in a variety of formats, and may or may not be announced.
- **Projects** – Each unit will incorporate a project that should be completed with maximum effort. Unit projects will be introduced at the beginning of the unit, and submitted on the given deadline.
- **Articles** – Students will be provided with weekly non-fiction non-text science articles to read and complete written work on. Articles are distributed on Mondays, with associated work collected each Friday.
- **Science Notebooks** – All current science work will be brought to class daily in a one-inch 3 ring binder. A log of all work completed will be kept in the front of the binder, and each student will be graded according to how well the notebook reflects the work completed in the unit. Notebooks are stapled together and collected on the day of each Unit Test.

## Extra Credit

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Each student may submit one current science news article (published within the past 7 days) each Friday for one extra credit point toward his/her marking period grade. If selected from the newspaper, the article must be cut out and attached to a sheet of printer or construction paper and include a one-paragraph summary. Articles selected from an internet source may be printed out in a manner that provides the source and date of publication. Submissions that do not meet the Extra Credit requirements will not be accepted. Please see [www.ShellysScienceSpot.com/ExtraCredit.htm](http://www.ShellysScienceSpot.com/ExtraCredit.htm) for details.

## Responsibilities

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Along with moving up from the 5/6 School to the Middle School comes additional responsibilities. If you are absent from class, regardless of the reason.....

- It is **your responsibility** to check the homework board/homeworkknow.com to see what assignments you missed and what is due.
- It is **your responsibility** to make up missed work and hand in what you owe in a timely fashion.
- It is **your responsibility** to collect any missed handouts that were placed in your class basket.

## Class Conduct

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Our class adheres to 5 basic conduct policies that are posted in the front of the classroom:

1. Be courteous and respectful to others.
2. Raise your hand and wait for permission to speak.
3. Be prepared for class.
4. Stay in your seat unless you have permission to do otherwise.
5. Follow directions the first time they are given.

## Policies

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All HMS policies will be enforced in class, as outlined in the student handbook (front of student planner) and Comet Code of Conduct. A few reminders and policies that are specific to our class:

- **Cell Phones/ iPods/ PSPs/ any electronic device – Not permitted in school.** All items will be confiscated upon my seeing (out or visible through the pocket) or hearing them, and surrendered to the assigned Vice Principal. This documentation is your *only* warning.
- **Hats – Not permitted in school.** All hats that are brought onto school property must be stored in the students' lockers. Any hats that are visible (on the head or carried) will be confiscated and returned upon the completion of an afterschool detention.

- **Lateness** – Will not be tolerated. All students must be in the classroom when the bell rings to be considered on time. Lateness to class without a pass will result in an afterschool detention.
- **Textbook** – All textbooks must remain covered throughout the year and be brought to class on a daily basis, unless instructed otherwise. There is no surplus of classroom textbooks, and it is extremely inconsiderate to ask a classmate to share his/her textbook for the class period. A student who is unprepared or carries an uncovered textbook will receive an afterschool detention.
- **Plagiarism** – Submitting any work that is not in your own words is considered to be plagiarism. Copying homework, cheating on a test, and copying and pasting directly from the internet or a publication are acts that constitute this offense. Any student who has been found to participate in any capacity in these activities will receive a zero on the assignment in question and a parent phone call. Subsequent offenses will follow the Comet Code of Conduct guidelines and will be brought to the attention of the assigned Vice Principal.

## Resources

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Forgot to write down your homework? Check [www.HomeworkNow.com](http://www.HomeworkNow.com) to see what your teachers have assigned.

Want to check out what we'll be covering for the week or need a replacement copy of a worksheet or Vocabulary Booklet? Visit our class website at [www.ShellysScienceSpot.com](http://www.ShellysScienceSpot.com) to utilize a wide variety of resources.

Can't make it to school? Have a question about an assignment? Email me at [c.tiboldo@hackensackschools.org](mailto:c.tiboldo@hackensackschools.org) – I check my email regularly at home.

## Communication

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Please feel free to communicate any issues with me privately. If you are having a bad day, it helps if you let me know at the start of class. If you are having difficulty in class, I am here to help *you*, and can meet with you afterschool to help you as necessary. I can be contacted in the school during the day, in my classroom afterschool or via email at [c.tiboldo@hackensackschools.org](mailto:c.tiboldo@hackensackschools.org).

Thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and cooperation! I look forward to an exciting year of learning with you!



7<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Science  
Science Student Expectancy Contract  
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**Student**

I have thoroughly read and understand the class requirements and expectations of Ms. Tiboldo's 7<sup>th</sup> grade Life Science class.

Print student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian**

Please complete the following after discussing the class requirements and expectations with your student:

Print parent/guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Evening phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark the appropriate boxes:

Yes, my student has access to a computer at home.

No, my student does not have access to a computer at home.

Yes, my student has internet access at home.

No, my student does not have internet access at home.

I would like to receive email notifications of upcoming science tests, projects and other special announcements.

I would not like to receive any email notifications.