



**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Life Science**  
**2019-2020**  
**Eagles Landing Middle School**  
**Teachers: Gatling, Preston and Strange**

**Topics**

Unit 1	Classification 3 weeks
Unit 2	Cells and Interdependence of Body Systems 9 weeks
Unit 3	Genetics 9 weeks
Unit 4	Evolution 6 weeks
Unit 5	Ecology 9 weeks

**Materials:** You will need to bring to class...

- Composition Notebook
- Binder
- Loose- Leaf Paper
- Pencil/Pen
- Colored Pencils/ Crayon
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Hand Held Pencil Sharpener
- Ruler
- Earbuds/Headset

**Makeup work:** It is the student’s responsibility, not the teacher’s, to make arrangement for make-up work. The number of days allowed to complete the make –up work will not exceed the number of days absent. This is the policy for Henry County School system.

**Late work:** It is crucial that students turn in all work and on time. However, situations in which work may not be turned in on time and therefore, students will have the opportunity to turn in an assignment for a late grade. Work will be accepted up to 3 days from the date it was due

(when excused). Work turned in after the three days will receive a maximum score of 70. Students will only be allowed to complete missing assignments for the current 9 week term.

**Student Responsibilities and Expectations:**

- Come to class prepared.
- Maintain an organized science notebook.
- Be in class on time- ready to work.
- Ask questions regarding what you don't understand.
- Turn work in on time; make –up work on time.
- Do homework. This is your chance to practice and apply what you have learned
- Keep your desk area clean, neat, and orderly.
- Treat classmates, teachers and visitors with dignity and respect.
- Remain seated during class and lab activities.
- Follow all safety rules.
- Comply with all ELMS and classroom policies.
- Give full effort each and every minute of each and every day on each and every activity.
- Put forth EFFORT, ACHIEVE and SUCCEED!

**Behavior:** Refer to Team 703 Team Behavior contract. Students are expected to behave in a manner that allows all students the opportunity to learn, and respect the rights of classmates and teachers. I will not allow a disruptive student to hinder me from teaching nor prevent other students from learning.

**Laboratory Responsibilities:** Lab time is essential to both learning and applying skills. Labs are not play time! Lab safety violations will result in alternative assignments, possible dismissal from lab, and loss of credit for the lab and/or deduction of your grade for the lab.

**Methods of Instruction:** Presentation of material will most often be through a combination of lecture and discussion, cooperative learning, differentiated instruction, and personalized learning. Students will have lots of practice work (individual and group assignments and projects).

**Grading:** Letter grades will be based on the Henry County Policies and Grading Standards in the student handbook. The course is graded on a point system. Infinite campus will be updated at a minimum, approximately every two weeks.

**Evaluation plan:** Generally, student evaluations will consist of the following:

Tests/ Major projects: 40%

Semester Exams: 20%

Classwork, Quiz grades and Homework: 40%

**Extra Credit:** Will be available throughout the year and grade recovery will also be available throughout the year.

**Academic Honesty:** Per the Student handbook -The basic rule of academic honesty is that the coursework submitted by a student must be the student's own original work. Students must not cheat on any assignment by giving or receiving unauthorized assistance or committing the act of plagiarism. Students who commit such acts are subject to receiving a grade of zero on the assignment in question as well as disciplinary action.

**What can you expect of me?**

- You can expect that I take your education and science very seriously.
- You can expect me to enforce school polices.
- You can expect me to give you every opportunity to learn and understand Life Science.
- You can expect me to treat you with patience, courtesy and respect.
- I expect these same things from each of you.

**Signatures:** We have read and understand all of the above, and will abide by all these guidelines. Parents please include day time phone number and a valid email address. I look forward to helping your child achieve the goals that you have set for them this year!

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name printed \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent name \_\_\_\_\_

Day time number \_\_\_\_\_

E- mail \_\_\_\_\_