

## Mr. Maxey Room 204 Science

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Welcome Parents

I am Mr. Maxey, the middle school science teacher for grades 6th, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th. My philosophy is that learning is a process. There are some concepts students will accomplish easily and others that require trial and error. I ask all students and parents to adhere to the procedures that have been set up this school year. Students will do fine if they are persistent in their efforts. Science is a fascinating study of phenomena that occurs in the world.

Students will receive progress reports every 5 weeks. There will be a parent teacher conference (report card pick up) 2 times this year. In addition to these efforts to inform parents of students' progress, the school district has a parent portal available for parents to check students' grades. Students can view their progress at any time in the student portal. I advise all parents to use the above methods to monitor student progress. I am thankful for the many ways students and parents can access grading.

### Grading

- Grades are weighted as follows: **Projects/Assignments** 40 percent, **homework** 10 percent, **Collaboration/Presentation** 20 percent, **Exams/Performance Assessments** 15 percent, **Formative Assessments** 15percent.

### Grading Scale

A = 100% – 90%

B = 89% – 80%

C = 79% – 70%

D = 69%- 60%

F = 59% and Below

### Classroom Expectations

1. **Be ready** when you enter the classroom with needed materials. Follow directions, be focused and ready to learn.
2. **Be Responsible** for your own learning. Study, pay attention and take notes. Complete your assignments. Participate in classroom activities. Students should make sure they are prepared for class. Students will need to bring their notebooks and pens to class every day. Students leaving their materials at home can make them fall behind.
3. **Be respectful** 100 percent all of the time with students and staff. Wait your turn to speak. Keep your area clean. Take care of your materials. Get along with everyone. Raise your hand to ask questions. Do no argue with classmate and keep your hand to yourself.

I ask the following from the parents:

- I encourage all parents to ask students about their day to continually keep them focused. It is important you are aware of their progress. Ask all students to follow the rules for safety reasons.
- In case a student is absent please send a note for the absence to be excused.

### **Supplies**

I ask that all students purchase 4 spiral notebooks, 4 folders, plus adequate pens and pencils for the whole school year. Students will need 4 highlighters, a box of Kleenex, earbuds, a bottle of hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, colored pencils, rulers, loose leaf paper, earbuds/headphones and a pencil sharpener. Students are welcome to donate Ziploc bags, copy paper, hand sanitizer, and Clorox wipes.

### **Absences**

Good attendance ensures a student is on track to pass. If a student is absent, it is their responsibility to make up for the work they have missed. Missed labs, tests and quizzes must be scheduled with the teacher to be completed when returning. I will make available missed work and do my best to inform students of missing assignments.

### **Tardies**

Students who are tardy will be expected to get a tardy pass at the front desk before coming to class. If attendance has been submitted this will prevent them from being marked absent.

### **Behavior Policy**

It is my expectation that all students will be on their best behavior. Students will be given an opportunity to demonstrate positive behavior.

### **Cell phone policy**

Students are asked to turn their cell phones into the classroom teacher in the morning. This is done to protect the privacy of the students teachers and other faculty members. Students who do not want to turn in their cell phone should not bring it to school. If a student is caught with a cell phone they will face consequences. This policy is to prevent problems associated with social media. At the end of the school day students will be returned their cell phone.

I thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you

Sincerely,

Mr Maxey 204 Science

