Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Safe

Our primary goal is education. The behavior of each person in the class will be motivated by making sure that everyone can learn. We will be polite and helpful to each other and make choices based on what will help our classroom community. For students who choose to interfere with the learning of others, there will still be consequences, including warnings, parent conferences and lowered Citizenship grades, but the focus will be on making the right choices for the right reasons.

Recommended Supplies

Computer with microphone and camera.

Efficient internet access (consider using ethernet or getting a District hotspot if this is an issue)

Paper and pencils for notetaking

A quiet, distraction free workplace.

“*Education Code Section 49011 (a) states: ‘A pupil enrolled in a public school shall not be required to pay a pupil fee for participation in an educational activity.’*”

Absences, Late Work, Online Grades and Plagiarism

ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED LATE.

Whenever a student is absent, he or she must communicate directly with me in an e-mail regarding make-up work.

The focus of this class is the learning, not the grades. Students will be able to see their classroom total but the grades will only be put in Aeries at the end of each grading period. All assignments will be turned in digitally and scores will be recorded on the assignment for students to review.

Every assignment must be the original work of the student. Students may not help each other or copy from any source without permission from the teacher. Work that is plagiarized from any electronic or printed resource, or from another person, will receive no credit.

Assessments

Students will have numerous opportunities to demonstrate mastery of the Science content. All homework is designed to improve achievement on these Assessment Opportunities (known as Tests and Essays in other classes). Every Assessment Opportunity should be the best work possible. Papers that earn an A will be neat and legible, have a complete heading, and show effort beyond the expectations. Grades will be based primarily on Assessment Opportunities (about 70%), completion of practice assignments and participation in online instruction(about 30%).

Ecology and Chemistry

This year we will learn about the world around us. We will study ecology with emphasis on matter and energy transformations, Earth’s cycles, and ecosystem interactions.

Our Class Syllabus

Mrs. Gierut