

## Mrs. Braun's Classroom Expectations - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

### Class Introduction

This course is strictly aligned to the Texas essential knowledge and skills as outlined by the Texas Education Agency. Students will have the opportunity to study various topics in the categories of Matter & Energy; Force, Motion, & Energy; Earth & Space; Organisms & Environment; Scientific Investigation & Reasoning. In 7<sup>th</sup> Grade much of the content is focused on Organisms & Environment.

### Classroom Tools:

- Binder
- Composition notebooks (not spirals)
- Expo Markers

- No cell phone use without teacher permission
- No food or drink allowed in the classroom (water only)

### Classroom Expectations

#### **Work Hard & Be Nice!**

- Be Respectful
- Be Prepared
- Be Prompt
- Be Appropriate
- Be Positive

#### Rewards:

- Praise, positive notes home, whole class radio time, brain breaks, who's line

### Grading Policy

- Summative Grades = 70% - Tests, projects, lab conclusions
- Formative Grades = 30% - Quizzes, homework, warm-ups, daily work, participation
- Failing Grade Make-up
  - Any assignment lower than a 70% may be brought up to a maximum grade of 70.
  - Student must attend 1 morning reteach tutorial in order to retest or requiz on a concept
  - Students are required to have a COMPLETED review sheet **PRIOR** to the test.
  - You have 5 days after the test is graded to attend tutorials AND make up the exam.

### Make-Up work

**It is YOUR responsibility to get missed assignments due to an absence.** You should obtain your missed work BEFORE or AFTER class – NOT during the class you will have the same number of days to complete the assignment as the length of the absence. If a test or quiz is missed, a time must be arranged during tutorials to complete the assignment.

### Homework, quizzes, and study tips:

Homework will be occasionally issued in science. I recommend that you review what was covered that day on a DAILY basis due to the fact that concept/lab quizzes will be given frequently. These quizzes provide more accurate data on your progress. Studies show that simply reading over newly learned concepts helps store the material in the long term memory. By reviewing the information, you are able to identify areas in which you need more assistance. This should only take approximately 10 to 15 minutes each evening. This will help you be more successful in class.

### Leaving the Classroom

Students should utilize the 4 minute passing period to use the restroom, get a drink, or use their locker. One restroom pass will be issued each 9 weeks. Students will not be issued another pass for any reason. Students may turn in a completely unused (all numbers must still be available) restroom pass for a prize at the end of the 9 weeks. **No student will be allowed to leave the classroom on quiz or test days – NO EXCEPTIONS!**