

GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS INCLUDE:

Please keep this in your notebook for future reference

1. *Being prepared:*

- a. For this class you will need at ALL times(unless told otherwise):
 - Covered book
 - Pencil
 - Calculator
 - 3-ring binder w/ loose leaf paper and 2 divided sections:
Notes, Graded Material

2. *Being ready to learn:*

- a. Abide by the rules:
 - Be on time
 - Be prepared
 - Be attentive
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- b. Follow daily procedures and take part in classroom activities(labs/discussions)
- c. Complete homework on time:
 - HW assignments are posted for a week at a time. You should copy down the HW for the **ENTIRE** week. If you are absent one day of that week, you will still know what the HW is that you missed.
 - HW will also be posted on the synergy web site.
 - HW that is checked **RANDOMLY** will be worth 2-5 points. **LATE homework WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THESE ASSIGNMENTS**
 - HW that is **TURNED IN** is worth 10-25 points. Typically these are labs. Labs that are assigned as HW are expected to be due the next day. If a lab is late, a letter grade will be dropped for each day that it is late.
- d. If you fall behind or do not understand the material, you should come in during clinic, RA, or core block

3. *Making up work when you are absent:*

- a. It is your responsibility to see me the **VERY next day** you return to school. The worksheets you missed will located in the back of the room in an area marked "7th grade Academic". See me during RA or clinic to get assignments that you have missed and show me your HW from the day you were absent.
- b. It is **YOUR** responsibility to schedule make-up dates for missed tests or quizzes. This is done during RA or clinic. If you are absent the day of the test, **YOU ARE STILL EXPECTED TO TAKE THE TEST THE DAY YOU RETURN.** Test and quizzes will be made up during RA or clinic. They are not made up during class time.
- c. If you are going away or will be out for more than 3 days, you can get your HW in advance. You will need to inform the office and they will put out a HW request sheet.

* To help you stay on top of things when you are absent, please find two people in the classroom you feel comfortable calling for the work you missed. Record those partners in your assignment book.

4. *Demonstrating what you have learned:*

a. Quizzes:

- **Unannounced (pop) quizzes:** based on the previous days learning or reading assignment. 5-10 Points (HW quiz)
- **Announced quizzes:** based on a particular section. 10-30 points (quiz).

b. Tests:

- Tests are announced at least a week in advance.
- Tests will be given at the end of each **chapter** and at the end of each **unit**.
- Tests may include any or all of the following:
 - Vocabulary - Multiple choice
 - True/False - Diagrams
 - Essay/Short answer

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE NIGHT BEFORE TO START STUDYING!

c. Grades

- Test/Quizzes -Activities/Labs -Homework -Notebook

***** **THERE IS NO EXTRA CREDIT*******

d. Graded assignments will be returned and reviewed in class within a timely manner. Students can track their own progress by using a science RAP sheet and by looking at the HAC for current grades.

5. *Conducting yourself so you do not prevent others from learning.*

- a. Respecting others and material in the classroom will allow the learning process to flow smoothly and allow science to be an enjoyable place for all to learn.

I hope that this school year is an exciting and successful one for all! I hold VERY high expectations for each and every one of you and am most confident that these expectations will be reached by all. I am looking forward to a great year!

I have **read** and **understand** all of the above:

Signed (Student): _____ Date: _____

Signed (Parent): _____ Date: _____