

Welcome to Seventh Grade Life Science with Mrs. DuPar! In science, we will do many interesting projects and activities and we will learn a lot. There are a few rules and expectations that you should know about to be successful in science

1. The general class rules are to:

- Follow Directions.
- Respect others at all times, including:
 - Listen when others are talking.
 - Do not harm or insult others.
- Work quietly during group and laboratory work.
- Bring all supplies to class.
- Do not leave the classroom without permission.

When you follow the rules, there can be rewards!

- Tickets for candy and homework passes
- Class parties or free time
- Positive notes and phone calls home

If you don't follow the rules, there are increasing consequences:

1. Warning
2. Time After Class
3. Assignment/Time Out/Detention
4. Note or Phone Call Home
5. Referral to an Assistant Principal.
 - Some actions will take you directly to the office.
 - If you frequently don't follow the rules, I contact your parents/guardian.

2. Where Do Grades My Come From?

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| Homework | 20% |
| Classwork | 30% |
| Projects | 20% |
| Labs | 10% |
| Tests | 20% |

See the science department letter or website for information on pluses and minuses. A+ begins at 99%!

3. To be on time you must:

- be in your seat when the bell rings
- have your materials
- be working on the question of the day/writing down or taking out homework

What is the grading scale?

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| 99% - 100% | A+ |
| 91%-98% | A |
| 90% | A- |
| 88%-89% | B+ |
| 82%-87% | B |
| 80%-81% | B- |
| 77%-79% | C+ |
| 69%-76% | C |
| 65% - 68% | C- |
| 61%-64% | D+ |
| 55%-60% | D |
| 50% - 54% | D- |
| 49% and Below | F |

4. When you have 3 tardies, you will have lunch detention. When you have 4 tardies you will receive a referral to an Assistant Principal. Some things like gum or cell phones in class can earn an automatic detention

5. Most work will go into a notebook. You will have a page of contents to tell what is in the notebook. Your content page is worth points too. Some work will be graded for completion and some will be for the quality/content of what you do.

6. Bringing your materials counts toward your grade. You are expected to have a pen (in general black or blue only), a pencil, and loose notebook paper. You can buy pencils from Mrs. DuPar for 25 cents.

7. Please keep a section of a binder for your science work (part of your school binder). Students will use work from their binder and notebook to use in their portfolios. Please **don't throw any work away** before asking or before we talk about notebooks and portfolios!

8. A homework list is given out at the beginning of each week. Almost every Tuesday you will have vocabulary homework. Please refer to the attached sheet for the list of vocabulary options. There is homework 2 to 3 nights per week. This does not include work that is not completed in class. For some projects, students will need to work on the weekend (rarely).

9. At the beginning of each period, students will complete a question of the day (science starters). They help us to think about new topics or review information. These will go in the notebook and checked every 2 weeks.

10. Absent students check the "what did I miss" box for work missed. Work not made up will result in a zero. When work is late one day, it is worth 75% credit. When it is two days late or later, it is worth 50% credit. No work may be turned in after the unit test on that subject. If you miss assignments, you will be asked to come to lunch detention or to go to homework club.

11. Tests are given at the end of every unit every 2-4 weeks. Tests need to be signed by a parent after they are graded. Test corrections can be done, but need to include a notebook page number where the correct answer was found.

You can always check your grade and find other class information by looking at my website at www.mrsdupar.com (this site is also linked to the La Colina Junior High website). See instructions below to get to this site.

Please let me know if you have any concerns, questions or just want to make me more aware of your student's needs. I can be reached by email (duparsci@yahoo.com) or by calling La Colina at 967-4506 x314. I look forward to a great year!

Rhonda DuPar

Finding Grade information on the Internet:

1. Go to website www.mrsdupar.com or go to the school website.
2. At my website, choose "Grades." First choose your student's class _____, type in their last name and password (the La Colina ID number _____).
3. Please check your student's grade and if any of these steps do not work give me feedback as to how far along the process you were able to go. This will help me troubleshoot the problem!

I read all of the information in Mrs. DuPar's welcome sheet and understand it. I will ask her about any questions or concerns.

Print Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

www.mrsdupar.com website feedback:

- ___ I do not have regular access to the Internet. (Please ask your student to have me print one or print one in the library whenever you need to see it.)
- ___ I have Internet access but have not been able to try to see the report.
- ___ I got on the Internet, but not to your website.
- ___ I got to the grades section, but could not retrieve the grade.
- ___ I was able to see the Grade Report with no problems!