



**WCS Middle School Math Science
Technology Center (MS)²TC
Life Science 7 / 2015 - 2016**

Teacher: Mrs. Duddles
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Lab: Room Number 135
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Program Vision:

- M** - Make every day count.
- S** - Show up, meet challenges, persevere.
- 2** - To always honor fellowship and community.
- T** - Team work, cooperation, collaboration.
- C** - Celebrate uniqueness and build character.

Course Overview: The (MS)²TC Life Science 7 course is based on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The NGSS describe what it means to be proficient in science. The standards view science as both a body of knowledge and an evidence-based model and theory building enterprise that continually extends, refines and revises knowledge. The content topics that will be explored include ecosystems, cell structures and life processes, heredity, and biological evolution.

Expectations:

- 1.) Be present.
- 2.) Be on time.
- 3.) Come to class prepared.
- 4.) Put forth maximum effort.
- 5.) When the teacher speaks, the student listens.
- 6.) Be brave. Speak up. Participate.
- 7.) Be curious. Ask questions. Inquire.
- 8.) No excuses.

Supplies:

Please bring the following supplies to class everyday:

- 1.) A pen and pencil
- 2.) Science Lab Notebook (provided by teacher)
- 3.) Colored pencils, scissors, markers, highlighters, glue
- 4.) Agenda
- 5.) Independent reading book

Grading Policy:

As per WCS district policy, students will be graded based on their performance in the following areas:

Classwork/Homework:	25%
Assessments:	75%

Classwork/Homework is usually done in class, but may need to be finished at home. Classwork not finished in class is due the next day unless specified by teacher. Sometimes student will work independently and other times student will work in groups or with a partner. Assignments will be graded based on a combination of effort, completeness and accuracy. The average of all homework assignments will be 25% of student grade.

Assessments may be interdisciplinary or content specific projects, lab activities, quizzes, and tests as determined by teacher.

Absent Work:

Student is responsible for all absent work (although this should not be a problem if student follows Expectation #1). Absent work will be graded as per WCS district policy. Please follow the steps below when seeking absent work:

- 1.) Check website and/or collect absent work from absent file folder in class.
- 2.) Check with a classmate.
- 3.) Confirm assignments with teacher.

Missing Assignment/ Late Work:

Missing work will be graded at 0% until received and will be designated with the code **NHI** (not handed in) in PowerSchool. Late work received after the due date will be given half credit.

Please complete and return this page of the Life Science 7 class syllabus to Mrs. Duddles as acknowledgement of receipt of the document and that you have read and understand its contents. Thank you.

Student Name (print)

Signature

Parent/ Guardian Name (print)

Signature

Parent Contact (Cell): _____

Parent Contact (Email): _____