

6th Grade Earth and Space Science Virtual Learning Syllabus

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Special Note: Please note that this Virtual Learning Syllabus is an addendum to our standard course syllabus as it pertains specifically to e-learning expectations. Please refer to our standard course syllabus for more detailed information about sixth grade science.

Overview

During our time of e-learning, we will be covering our first critical standards for Earth and Space Science. We will post your science lessons daily in Schoology and grades will be posted in INOW.

Virtual Meetings and Office Hours

Our virtual office hours will be during the last 20 Minutes of Every Block (Daily, M-F)

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, we will be conducting live sessions for students through WebEx during the first 15 minutes of each block. Instructions on how students can join our WebEx meetings will be posted in Schoology for easy reference.

Communication

Please visit our teacher websites to sign up for our email distribution lists: <https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/liberty>

Our personal sites can be found under Our Team / Teachers / Teacher Name.

Our primary mode of communication to parents will be through email. Please email your child's teacher if you would like to set up a virtual meeting via WebEx.

MCS Student Expectations for E-Learning

- Participation is required and attendance will be taken daily.
- Students are responsible for logging into science class each day. Join the class on time and with all necessary materials.
- Students will be receiving grades during virtual learning.
- Students will continue to be held accountable to the [Madison City Schools Code of Conduct](#) during this time of online learning, as they would if they were attending face-to-face instruction. However, it is important to identify specific circumstances that should be highlighted when working in a digital environment.
- Rules and expectations are subject to change as we learn and grow together.
- Teachers will monitor your communication within our learning platform, Schoology. All student-student communication within the Schoology platform should be specifically related to classroom assignments. Any communication within Schoology that is not focused on the class will be addressed by your teachers.
- Your parents must sign our [Madison City Schools Acceptable Use Policy](#) and they are responsible for your online actions.
- Cyberbullying will not be tolerated and will be addressed by your teachers and your administrators. This is addressed in the [Madison City Schools Code of Conduct](#).
- Do not copy work from the Internet or from your peers. This is considered plagiarism and is addressed in the [Madison City Schools Code of Conduct](#).
- Do not share your work for others to plagiarize. This is addressed in the [Madison City Schools Code of Conduct](#).

- Complete assigned work by the assigned due date. If you have questions, contact your teacher. Teachers will hold virtual office hours daily.
- When participating in virtual meetings, follow these netiquette rules:
 1. Dress appropriately for school. See [Madison City Schools Code of Conduct](#).
 2. Be on time to your meetings.
 3. Meet in a room free of distractions if possible.
 4. Be aware of your background. You are responsible for what appears on your screen.
 5. Leave your mic on mute until you want to communicate.
 6. Be respectful of others: allow for others to speak, listen to their comments, provide your own opinions.
 7. Please keep your home classroom free of distractions such as pets, toys, extra devices, etc.
 8. Do NOT take pictures of classmates during virtual learning.

FAQs for Science

- What units will we be covering during E-Learning?
We will begin with our Earth and Space Unit. This will be a 2 part unit: 1) The Sun-Earth-Moon System and 2) Planetary Systems.
- Where can I find my child's lessons/assignments?
Daily lessons and class assignments will be posted in Schoology.
- When are assignments due?
Each assignment will have its own due date and the amount of time given to complete assignments will vary according to the scope and nature of assignment.
- Where can I find my child's grades?
*Although grades on individual assignments may be seen in Schoology (think of graded papers handed back), **please refer to INOW for your child's official grades/class average.***

Tentative Weekly Plan: (Note: Due to the fluid school situation, we may adjust the following lessons as needed.)

Week	Unit	Lessons
Week 1	Back to School	Introductions, Models & Systems, the Scientific Method
Week 2	Sun-Earth-Moon (SEM) System	Scaling the S-E-M-System, Earth's rotation, day-night cycle
Week 3	S-E-M System	Earth's tilt, revolution, and seasons
Week 4	S-E-M System	Moon phases, tides, and eclipses
Week 5	Planetary Systems	Components of our solar system, gravity and motion, orbital periods
Week 6	Planetary Systems	Beyond our solar system, galaxies, life cycle of stars, constellations, black holes
Week 7	Planetary Systems	Space Technology

Liberty Middle School 2020-2021 Virtual & School-Based Schedule



<p>A Block 8:15-9:29</p>	<p>8:15-8:35 Synchronous/Asynchronous Instruction (A) 8:35-8:55 Online Student Support (A) 8:55-9:20 Daily Office Hour (A)</p>
<p>B Block 9:39-10:53</p>	<p>9:45-10:05 Synchronous/Asynchronous Instruction (B) 10:05-10:25 Online Student Support (B) 10:25-10:50 Daily Office Hour (B)</p>
<p>C Block 10:57-12:44</p>	<p>10:57-11:42 Lunch 11:42-12:02 Synchronous/Asynchronous Instruction (C) 12:02-12:22 Online Student Support (C) 12:22-12:44 Daily Office Hour (C)</p>
<p>D Block 12:48-2:02</p>	<p>12:55-1:15 Synchronous/Asynchronous Instruction(D) 1:15-1:35 Online Student Support (D) 1:35-2:00 Daily Office Hour (D)</p>
<p>E Block 2:06-3:20</p>	<p>2:06-2:26 Synchronous/Asynchronous Instruction (E) 2:26-2:46 Online Student Support (E) 2:46-3:11 Daily Office Hour (E)</p>