

Ramona Junior High School

2017-2018 Academic Year

7th Grade Science

Course Syllabus

Course Description: In this class we will be covering the new Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Units of study include Chemistry, Ecology, and Geology. Instruction and curriculum is given in the form of lectures, interactive notebooks, videos, labs, webquests, and group discussions/projects. Your success in this class will rely on your participation and work ethic in all of these activities. Your participation and cooperation are vital in order to make this class a positive experience for everyone. If you come to class excited and ready to learn each day, I promise that you will enjoy your time in my class and succeed.

<u>Recommended Material</u>	<u>Class Rules</u>	<u>Consequences</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Subject Spiral Notebook • LOTS of Glue • Scissors • Colored Pencils/ Markers • #2 Pencils (x2) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be Prompt & Prepared 2. Be Respectful 3. Be Responsible 4. Be Clean and Courteous 5. Be Productive 	<p>1st Offense: Verbal Warning</p> <p>2nd Offense: Seat Change</p> <p>3rd Offense: Detention</p> <p>4th Offense: Office Referral/ parent contact</p>

Grading Policy:

Letter grades will be

Grade categories will be based on the following:

Homework/Classwork (40%)

Assessments (60%): Notebooks, tests, quizzes, and labs/projects

Grading Scale

based on a percentage of the point total

97% - Higher = A+	77% - 79.9% = C+
94% - 96.9% = A	74% - 76.9% = C
90% - 93.9% = A-	70% - 73.9% = C-
87% - 89.9% = B+	67% - 69.9% = D+
84% - 86.9% = B	64% - 66.9% = D
80% - 83.9% = B-	60% - 63.9% = D-
	59.9% or Lower = F

Absent/ Late Work Policy: It is the responsibility

of the student to retrieve any absent work and to make-up tests. For each day you're absent, you will receive one day to turn in absent work with no penalty. For example, if you're absent 3 days then you have 3 days to turn in absent work. Any absent work that is turned in after the extended due date will be considered late. All late work will receive **HALF CREDIT (50%)**. Students must make prior arrangements with me for different due dates/extensions.

Plagiarism/Cheating Policy: Plagiarism is a piece of writing that has been copied from someone else and is presented as being your own work and it, as well as cheating, will **NOT** be tolerated in my classroom. Any student that plagiarizes and/or cheats will receive a zero on the assignment/assessment, detention, and a call home. If the student continues to plagiarize and/or cheat a parent/teacher meeting with administration will be scheduled to discuss further actions.

Extra Credit (EC): Keep in mind that extra credit is **NOT** a right, it is a privilege. Therefore, EC assignments will **NOT** be given as a last resort to bring up a final grade. So please take advantage of the opportunity when it is offered.

Extra credit will be offered on occasion through the following opportunities:

- ✓ **Games-** Winners of review games will receive extra credit.
- ✓ **Handouts–** Extra credit will be available through handouts (i.e. crosswords, word searches, worksheets, etc). Point values will vary.
- ✓ **Projects and Quizzes-** I will offer extra credit for questions answered correctly on exams and projects.

Cell Phones/ Electronic Devices: Taken from the Ramona Junior High School Agenda

The Chino Valley Unified School District acknowledges the importance of electronic communication between students and parents, particularly in school-wide emergency situations. Furthermore, the District recognizes that instructional time is precious and must be protected from unnecessary disruption. Therefore, students shall be permitted to have in their possession a cell phone during school hours or while attending school-sponsored activities. Except for the use in an emergency affecting the school or community, such devices shall be deactivated and strictly prohibited while inside the gates of Ramona. In addition, such devices must remain out of sight at any time on campus.

- i.e. Students are not to use personal cell phones to communicate with parents or other people while on campus
- i.e. Students are not to use iPods, cameras, or other electronic devices while on school campus

Violation of this policy will result in the phone/ electronic device being confiscated and parent/guardian will be required to pick up the item for the first offense, confiscation and a contract will be signed for the second offense. Saturday work-study will be assigned for the third offense.

Contact Information: Please feel free to contact me via email or phone and allow two days for a response. Also, check the Aeries Parent Portal website for homework/grade updates and to keep current with what is going on in the class.

I am certain that we will have a great year and I look forward to all the activities I plan on sharing with you.

Mrs. Cervantes

Email: Kirstie_Cervantes@chino.k12.ca.us

Phone: (909) 627- 9144 ext. 7518

Syllabus Agreement

I _____, have read, understand, and agree to the classroom rules, consequences, and all policies outlined in Mrs. Cervantes' class syllabus. I will be held accountable for my actions and will contact Mrs. Cervantes if I have any questions or need extra help.

Student Name _____
(Print)

Student Signature_____

Date_____

I, the parent/guardian of the above budding scientist, have also read, understand, and agree to the classroom policies and consequences outlined in Mrs. Cervantes' class syllabus. I will do everything in my power to ensure that our 7th grader has a positive and enriching learning experience this year and will contact Mrs. Cervantes if I have any questions.

Parent/ Guardian Name _____
(Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date_____

Parent/Guardian Email _____
(Print)

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____