

7th Grade Science Course Information

Welcome!

I hope you are as excited as I am to begin the new school year. This year you will be studying a wide variety of science topics including chemistry, biology, earth science and astronomy. We will be using in class discussions, laboratory experiments, hands on activities, and many other techniques to help you have a successful 7th grade year.

Textbook:

McGraw Hill – Integrated Science

- Every student will have a book while in class and access to an online book while at home.
- More information on how to access the online book will be given out at a later date

Materials to bring to EVERY class:

Writing Utensil
AR book
Planner
All necessary classwork

Grading:

Students will be graded using a point system. Each assignment will be assigned a particular point value. At the end of each quarter the number of points possible will be added up, as well as the number of points achieved for each student. The points earned will then be divided by the points possible to determine each student's quarter grade. For

Students will be evaluated through unit tests, quizzes, laboratory reports, homework, and projects.

Grades will be updated regularly on the MMS Portal. As well as written in planners after every test/project. Halfway through each quarter I will also write their current quarter average in their planners.

Homework:

The amount of homework, as well as the number of points per assignment will vary. Homework assignments will range from getting a paper or progress report signed to completing questions on a worksheet to finishing a lab assignment. Students are expected to complete all homework and submit it on time. All homework will be written in student planners. Homework assignments are also posted on the internet at www.tamaqua.k12.pa.us/tamaquaams/site/default.asp.

Laboratory Reports:

Labs are very important to the learning process. Each lab will have data that needs to be collected and/or questions that need to be answered. Labs will then be turned in and graded. All questions need to be answered in **complete sentences** for full credit.

Google Classroom:

This year we will be utilizing an online program called google classroom. Students, and parents can join their class online. They then have access to their assignments from any computer. Some assignments will be completed online, while others may utilize online resources to complete assignments that need to be submitted. I can also post reminders for the students and parents to this website. This program will be used throughout the year.

Attendance:

It is very important that you come to class on time every day ready to participate. If you do have to miss class it is your responsibility to get missed work. Previous notes and handouts are located in the black bin on the windowsill. It is up to you to pick up the handouts and copy any missed notes. They will be available for one week after they were given for you to pick up. After that you will need to print them offline. Labs, tests and any other make-up work can be done during 9th period or after school from 2:30-3:00

Extra Help:

If at any time a students is struggling, they may utilize their 9th period flex time or after school from 2:30-3:00 for extra help. The book also has some great resources for help with studying and understanding materials. There are study guides, review worksheets, videos and many other materials to reference.

Please remember that I'm here to try and make this as successful of a year as possible. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me using the information on the top of this page. Please sign and return the bottom portion, acknowledging you've read and understand the rules and expectations of the classroom.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian name

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Daytime phone #

Parent e-mail