



7th Grade Science Syllabus

Mr. Rice

Welcome! I am pleased to introduce myself as your 7th grade science teacher at Jane Long Futures Academy, and we have much to look forward to this year! Our objectives include expanding your science investigation and observation skills, strengthening what you know about science, and increasing your understanding of the natural world. Organizing, analyzing, collaborating, and communicating are all skills we will use. I have high expectations for each of you but believe each of you will succeed and find science enjoyable.

The range of topics we will study include:

- Scientific method, processes and skills
- Matter and Energy in living things
- Force and Motion in living things
- The Environment and living things
- Cells and Genetics
- Weather, Earth and Space

Communications

Communicating by email is best, and I can be reached at wrice@houstonisd.org. I will also send out frequent e-mail updates regarding assignments, tests, projects, and other useful information. Please feel free to add your email to this form if you would like to be included on these e-mails. For important matters you may also leave a message for me at 713-443-4228.

Materials

Students are expected to bring a pen or pencil to class every day, plus all homework or related class materials. Class participation feedback depends on consistently bringing needed materials and being ready to contribute to the class. Science notebooks will be stored in the classroom unless checked out through Mr. Rice.
NO CELL PHONES ARE PERMITTED IN THE CLASSROOMS!

Grading

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| Test/Labs | 40% |
| Quizzes | 25% |
| Daily work/Notebook | 25% |
| Homework | 10% |

Late work will lose 10 points per day that it is turned in late. We are going to be on block schedule, so if you wait until the next class period to turn in late work, that would be a total of 20 points off.

Expectations

- Be in your seat and quiet when the bell rings.
- Start work immediately.
- Leave class only when dismissed by the teacher.
- Raise your hand for permission to speak or to leave your seat.

Rules

- Any behavior which breaks school rules, or prevents Mr. Rice from teaching is unacceptable.
- Arrive on time, bring in all required materials, and begin warm-ups in your assigned seat by the time the bell rings.
- Respect others and their property, as well as use appropriate language in the lab at all times.

Failure to follow lab safety rules will result in lost lab time. Instead of participating in lab, a student who has ignored lab safety rules will be given desk work to complete and turn in at the end of the class period

Consequences

- Verbal warning
- Phone Call Home
- Detention
- Referral to Office

Procedures

- If there was homework due place it in the correct period bin.
- Sharpen pencils before the tardy bell.
- Students should retrieve his/her science notebook from the front of the class and be seated.
- Once seated, students should read the white board to find the instructions and procedures for the day.
- Warm-up activities should be completed. These exercises will be graded as part of the daily grade.
- Homework, class activities, and upcoming due dates should be copied daily from the board once the warm-up activities are completed.
- You are responsible for copying down all assignments and due dates.
- It is **your** responsibility to come and get work you have missed if you were absent.
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Restroom

Students will have time between classes and should use that time to take care of personal needs.

Questions/Concerns

I will be available for parent conferences by appointment. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions. My tutorials are Tuesdays after school from 3:25 to 4:25, but I can schedule additional time if a student makes a request.

Sincerely,

Will Rice
Jane Long Futures Academy

I have read and understand the expectations for 7th grade science including class rules, consequences, makeup policy, materials I will need, and how I will be evaluated in this class. I accept responsibility for the consequences of not following the guidelines, rules, and policies as outlined in this description.

Student's Printed Name _____

Student's Signature _____

Parent's Printed Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Period _____

I will send out a weekly email to inform you of upcoming events in my classroom. If you would like to be included on this email list, please write your email address below.

Email address _____

Students are to return this signed agreement to me with the required signatures and an answer to the following question, which will count as their first homework grade.

Please write a complete sentence that indicates one thing about science that interests you and what would you like to learn more about it.

Thank you.