



Classroom Policies

Grades 6, 7 and 8

2018– 2019

Mrs. Jones

Welcome to science class! I am looking forward to exploring the world of science with you this year. I will do my best to make each class interesting and enjoyable for you. In return, I ask that you read and adhere to the following *Student Expectations* so that we can get the most out of our time together. I have also included information about my homework and grading policies.

I expect you to:



Be an active learner and participate in class discussions and activities.



Do your best and ask if you have any questions.



Follow the *Classroom Policies for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades*, which you received the first week of school from your homeroom teacher.



Read and sign the *Science Laboratory Safety Guidelines* and pass the *Laboratory Safety Quiz* to participate in any lab activities.



Follow all of the *Science Laboratory Safety Guidelines*.



Come to class prepared with your textbook, notebook, pen/pencil, Chromebook and any other materials that have been requested. If you are consistently unprepared you will receive a notification.



Bring your assignment book to every class. Assignment books are also a way for me to communicate with your parents. Your parents may also write notes to me via your assignment book; but please make sure you show it to me.

Grading



Homework is an important component of science class. It is designed to help you better understand or practice a particular concept. If the work is not done when it is assigned, it loses much of its value.

If you do not turn in your homework, you will meet with me at recess or after school to discuss why your assignments are not being completed. You will not be able to earn back points for test corrections if all of your homework has not been completed and turned in.

Please turn in your work on time!

Excused homework



It is understood that there are days when it is difficult to complete all of your assignments. Therefore, ONE excused homework assignment will be allowed per marking period. An excused homework assignment does not mean that it does not need to be completed; it simply means that **it may be handed in one day late**. You must bring in a note signed by your parent on the DUE DATE of the assignment with an explanation of why the homework was not completed.

Absences



You will have the number of days that you are absent to make up **newly assigned work**. For example, if an assignment is given on Tuesday and is due on Friday, and you are absent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (three days), the missed work would be due three days after the due date, which would be Monday. **This does not apply to long term assignments; they are due the day after you return (or an agreed upon date) from being absent. Quizzes and tests should be made up upon your return.**

Assessments



Grades will be based on a variety of assessments, which will include lab reports, projects, quizzes, tests, class work, a midterm (grades 6, 7 & 8) and a final exam (grade 8 only). Points will be given for graded assignments. At the end of the marking period, your final grade will be determined by dividing the total points you earned by the total number of possible points.

Late assignments



Daily assignments—Points will be deducted for late work; 5% per day. A grade of 55% will be given to assignments that are not turned in. The grade will change once the assignment is received.



Long term projects --Five percent will be deducted for each day an assignment is late. Projects not turned in will receive a 55% until turned in. If you are absent when a long term assignment is due, you must turn it in when you return, you do not get extra days for being absent.

Completed work



Tests, quizzes and other graded work will be sent home and should be saved to study for midterms/finals.

Extra credit



You can earn extra credit on every test by turning in the following study materials (5 points maximum). The maximum grade on a test is 100%. You may study with another student, but you must **EACH make YOUR OWN study materials. No points will be given if students have the same study materials.**

- 1 to 2 points – vocabulary (definitions written on paper or index cards)
- 1 point – for each online quiz
 - **Grade 6** go to <http://glencoe.mheducation.com/sites/0078778069/>, in the *Student Center*, select *Chapter Review Quiz and Section Self Check Quizzes*
 - **Grade 7** go to <http://glencoe.mheducation.com/sites/0078600472/>, in the *Student Center*, select *Chapter Review Quiz and Section Self Check Quizzes*
 - **Grade 8** go to <http://glencoe.mheducation.com/sites/0078778115/>, in the *Student Center*, select *Chapter Review Quiz and Section Self Check Quizzes*
- 2 to 3 points – completing the chapter review and section assessments (if not already assigned as homework)
- 3 to 4 points – outlining the chapter or answering the study guide questions on a separate piece of paper or in Google Classroom.



You can increase a test grade by up to 5% (maximum grade is 99%) by correcting all of the incorrect answers, writing the page number of the textbook where the correct answer was located, writing why the question was answered incorrectly and returning it the following day. **This is only an option if all homework has been turned in since the last test.**



Extra credit will not be given as a last minute chance to raise a grade.

Final report card grades



Grades are reported as number grades on report cards. The letter grade equivalencies are as follows:

97 – 100	A+
93 – 96	A
89 – 92	B+
85 – 88	B
80 – 84	C+
75 – 79	C
70 – 74	D
Below 69	F

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. It is best to contact me through email or a note.

Email – sjones@icsclinton.org

Posting Grades



Grades will be posted on PowerSchool for you to access.

- If there is an assignment description, you need to click on “view” to read it.
- If there is a comment in addition to a grade, you need to click on “view” to read it.
- If an assignment has not been collected yet, you will see “- -”.
- A “green check mark,” indicates the assignment has been turned in but has not been graded yet OR that it is a collected only assignment and will not be graded.
- “Missing” indicates that the assignment has not been turned in yet. The grade will be a 55% until the assignment is turned in.
- If an assignment is missing due to an absence, you will see both the “missing” and “absent” symbols but there will be no grade. If the assignment is not turned in upon your return, a grade of 55% will be entered until the assignment is received.

Textbooks



Grades 6, 7 and 8 will use textbooks published by Glencoe/McGraw-Hill.

- **Sixth Grade** – *Science Level Red*, 2008, ISBN 978-0-07-877806-3
- **Seventh Grade** – *Science Level Green*, 2008, ISBN 978-0-07-877808-7
- **Eighth Grade** – *Science Level Blue*, 2008, ISBN 978-0-07-877811-7



There are many online resources available such as online quizzes, vocabulary review, math practice, BrainPop videos, and standardized test practice. To access the online resources, go to the website for your grade and follow the directions below:

- **Sixth Grade** — <http://glencoe.mheducation.com/sites/0078778069/>
- **Seventh Grade** — <http://glencoe.mheducation.com/sites/0078600472/>
- **Eighth Grade** — <http://glencoe.mheducation.com/sites/0078778115/>
 - In the *Student Center* you will see the various resources available to you.
 - Click on the resource you are interested in.
 - The ONLINE version of the textbook is **NO longer available**.