

Expectations and Syllabus!

Welcome to Science with Mr. Lee! I am excited for a year of Science exploration with you! I have a great love of science and engineering and hope to instill that same love for it in you.

What do I ask from you?

While learning a new science can be challenging and a bit nerve-racking sometimes, it is always my goal to create and maintain a safe and welcoming classroom environment in which all students and teachers feel respected and are encouraged to taking risks on this journey. I will be asking a lot from you this year. My most important requirements are that you try your best at everything you do and support one another in our learning community. We will do group work, games, projects, experiments and other fun stuff. My expectation is that you participate and have a positive outlook on your learning. I look forward to getting to know you!

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Class Rules and Consequences

Class Rules. R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Be respectful of the teacher, classmates, personal and school property. This includes:

- be on time and prepared so that you are respecting everyone's time.
- no cheating (obviously) so that you are respecting others' ideas.
- no inappropriate language (mocking, name calling, insulting, threats, etc.)

Consequences. I will follow a step system.

1. Step 1 – Warning
2. Step 2 – One-on-one student conversation
3. Step 3 – Lunch Detention Conference (failure to appear = referral) with parent contact
4. Step 4 – Referral to Office

Materials

- A folder in your binder to hold all worksheets
- Laboratory Notebook *Provided*
- Pens/Pencils

Classwork and Homework

I may be doing frequent, random binder checks throughout the year to ensure that you are being principled and organized with your resources.

“Practice does not make perfect. Perfect practice makes perfect”

- Vince Lombardi

“It’s the journey that matters. Learning is more important than the test. Practice well, and the games will take care of themselves.”

-Tony Dungy

“Gold medals aren’t really made of gold. They’re made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find alloy called guts.”

- Dan Gable

Any resources that you need to take home with you to study from or help you on your homework needs to be brought back daily.

I run this classroom similar to that of a sports team. I am your coach and you are the players. We are preparing and practicing for game days (tests) and ultimately the Championship (final). Some practices are more fun than others, but ALL are necessary. Games are your time to shine! If you are not practicing, how can you expect to perform well on Game Day?!

Absences

I know there are days when you are sick and can’t make it to class. Please know that absent students are allowed to make up their work for full credit. Students have the number of days that they were absent plus one extra day to make up missed assignments (per WCSD policy). For example, if you missed one day of class, you have two days to turn in the work. If you missed 3 days of class, you have 4 days to turn in the work. *Any work not completed before the due date will then be considered late. View Late Homework Policy for more information.*

What to do when you’re absent from class:

1. Check the **Class Website**: Our classroom website is located within the team’s website at <https://www.washoeschools.net/legends>
2. Check the **Absent Box**: Go to the Absent Box in our classroom and find the file folder that has the week that you were absent. Take out one copy of each paper in that folder; this is what you missed in class.
3. Talk to your **classmates**. Talk to your table group to get an explanation of assignments and classwork done last class.
4. Talk to **me!** Once you have checked the absent box and talked to your classmates, come see me if you are still confused. I will gladly help explain what you missed.

Cell Phone Policy

I believe that cell phones are a great invention and can be a major asset in the classroom setting; however, they can also be a great distraction. Every time you walk in my classroom, I will have a stop light to signify our usage of cell phones during that period.

Red (Device Free Zone) – Device must be kept away at all times

Yellow (Teacher Directed Use) – Device may be used with teacher’s permission when working with projects, websites, research, etc.

Green (Free Choice) – Device may be used throughout the period as long as it follows school rules

“There may be people that have more talent than you, but there’s no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do.”

– Derek Jeter

“There are only two options regarding commitment. You’re either IN or you’re OUT. There is no such thing as life in-between.”

-Pat Riley

Failure to comply with these rules will result in the following consequences:

Your **first warning** is to look at the Stop Light when you come in. If anyone has their phone out after that, it will be confiscated. If this is your first technology violation, the phone will be returned at the end of class. For your second violation, the phone will be sent to the office where it will be returned to you at the end of the day. Anytime your phone gets confiscated after that, the phone will be taken to the office, however this time, the phone can only be picked up by a parent/guardian after school that day. Any technology violation will also involve an email being sent to parents/guardians, along with a minor being put into IC. This is a team wide policy

Grades

As you can see by the percentages, I believe classwork is the most important part of your grade. You need to be in class to do well.

45%	Classwork	A (90-100%)
15%	Homework	B (80-89%)
40%	Assessments	C (70-79%)
	(Tests, quizzes, major projects)	D (60-69%)
		F (0-59%)

Late homework “practice” / projects will be accepted up to the week before the end of the quarter. Any assignments turned in without a name must be resubmitted, meaning they will now be counted as late. Make sure your NAME is on the assignment. My practice assignments are not meant to be busy work, but reinforcement of the concepts being taught in class.

Test Retakes / Test Corrections: There are NO test retakes unless specified through an IEP. However, students may have the opportunity to do test corrections to regain 50% of points missed.

Bathroom Policy

Students will be given TWO bathroom passes each Quarter. If they do not use these passes, they can be turned in at the end of each quarter to receive EXTRA CREDIT. This is one of my few opportunities for students to earn extra credit in my class. Students should ask to use passes at appropriate times.

Cheating

Cheating will not be tolerated at any time. If a student is caught cheating, they will receive a ZERO for the assignment, and they will not be allowed to redo the assignment.

When turning in labs, students can work together to perform the experiment and collect data in class, however they are expected to put the entire laboratory report in their own words.

“In the end, it’s extra effort that separates a winner from second place. But winning takes a lot more than that, too. It starts with complete command of the fundamentals. Then it takes desire, determination, discipline, and self-sacrifice. And finally, it takes a great deal of love, fairness and respect for your fellow man. Put all these together, and even if you don’t win, how can you lose?”

– Jesse Owens

Dear Families,

Thank you for reviewing this syllabus with your student. I am graduate of the College of Education Master’s program at the University of Nevada, Reno. I also have a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering and I hope to bring that knowledge into the classroom as well. This will be my fifth year at Mendive Middle School teaching Science and I couldn't be more excited to be returning to school that was a finalist for 2018-2019 School of the Year. For those entering the new world of middle school, there may be times where things get difficult and challenging, but it is important to know that there is a strong support system standing with them through the trials. I really believe that parent involvement is important to being successful in the classroom. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, please contact me as soon as possible via phone or email, so that we can resolve the issue in a timely manner. Please sign this document, along with your child, and have them return this to me so that I can keep a record that both you and your child have read and understand my classroom rules and expectations.

I am excited to be here, and look forward to getting to know you and your student!

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Student Signature	Date
Parent Signature	Date

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