

## Science Syllabus

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Room 311

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**TOPICS:** Eighth grade science begins with ecology including investigation of the human impact on the Earth. Second semester includes plate tectonics, natural selection and genetics.

**METHODS:** All topics are taught using a combination of labs, group and individual work, projects and research. Each student is given a **lab manual** to work in. The **student is responsible** for bringing their **workbook, agenda, a pencil, paper and color pencils or markers** to class every day. Replacement lab manuals and agenda cost \$5. The student is also responsible for properly using lab materials and text books used in class or out. Misuse of these may also result in a charge for replacement.

**WEBPAGE:** [msmccoyscience.weebly.com](http://msmccoyscience.weebly.com)

**CELL phones, tablets etc:** We will use cell phones and similar devices in class and for homework. The school cell phone policy still applies. I will very clearly announce when and how they can be used in class and when they should be put away.

**SCIENCE FAIR:** All AP students must complete a science fair project. Some of the work will be completed in class for a grade. Projects are due in March. I will send dates home once they are determined.

**HOMEWORK:** Expect homework 2-4 times per week. Students need access to the internet for some assignments.

**LATE WORK:** Late work will be accepted with a 25% reduced grade unless there are special circumstances or excused absence.

**PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:** Either will result in a zero for the grade and will be reported on recommendations for high school.

### GRADING:

Engagement 20%	Progression 30%	Mastery 50%
Examples: participation, Group work, class discussion,	Examples: Homework, class Assignments, problem solving,	Projects, proficiency tests Tests, assessments, demonstrations
Notebooks, teacher observations, etc.	Self-assessments, projects, etc.	Presentations, projects, etc.

**STUDENT BEHAVIOR:** Students and parents/guardians must return a signed Safety Form before students will be allowed to participate in labs. This outlines expectations for behavior in detail. I offer every student trust and respect and it is their responsibility to return that to me, other students and the class animals. Students who behave inappropriately first will be warned, second offense given a book assignment and call a parent /guardian, third offense detention, fourth offense a disciplinary referral to Ms. Haile.

**GRADING SCALE:**

<b>90-100%</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>80-89%</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>75-79%</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>70-74%</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>69% and Below</b>	<b>U</b>

**Policies and Procedures** will follow JCPS policies and those of Meyzeek. See the student code of conduct and this web page for details

<http://www.jefferson.k12.ky.us/Schools/Middle/Meyzeek/conduct.html>

If you have questions you can reach me at  
485-8299, 933-2987 or karen.mccoy@jefferson.kyschools.us

RETURN TO MS. MCCOY

Print student name \_\_\_\_\_

Please see the attached;

1. Science Syllabus
2. Safety form

Parent/guardian contact information

Print Parent/guardian name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers

Home \_\_\_\_\_

Work \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Can I text you?

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please let me know if any of these changes

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My web site [www.](http://www.)

Once you have read everything and discussed them with your child please sign below to let me know that you are aware of your child's responsibilities and expectations.

Student \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything else that you would like for me to know? Health issues?

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