

Maywood Middle School  
Life Science Syllabus  
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**Course Description:**

Welcome to 6<sup>th</sup> grade Life Science! We will be spending our time on the very smallest of organisms in the world around us. Our units of study will be focused on:

- Structure and Function
- Genes and Molecular Machines
- Ecosystems and Their Interactions
- Carnivores of the Pacific Northwest

**Classroom Materials:**

- 8 ½ x 11" spiral notebook
- 1" binder
- Ball point pens
- Pencils
- Basic colored pencil set
- Red correcting pends
- Highlighters

**Learning Activities and Assessment Tools:**

Our assessment process is multi-faceted. Students will have an opportunity to self-assess their collaboration, citizenship, work habits, and ability to take initiative. Teachers will monitor scientific journals, completion of projects and assignment, as well as tests and quizzes.

**Classroom Expectations:**

1. Follow directions set forth in the lab safety outline.
2. Come prepared to work in a lab setting with all expected materials.
3. Raise your hand during class discussions.
4. No food allowed in class. Water is allowed in sealed containers.

5. Academic integrity is incredibly important. Students caught plagiarizing or cheating will receive a zero on the test or assignment.
6. Respect everyone—even if someone has an idea that you may not find agreeable.

**Attendance Policy:**

Students who are absent are required (upon their return) to follow school procedures to make up missing assignments. Generally speaking, students will receive the same number of days as the absences to make up any missing assignment(s). If you are feeling overwhelmed with makeup work, please communicate with your teacher to come up with a plan to complete the assignments.

**Absences:**

If absent, please check your teacher's website to gather information about missing assignments and content (links are found on the Maywood Middle School homepage). If there was an assignment given, the worksheet is attached and guidance can be found in the blog for the day. Upon returning, turn in the work with "absent" written on the top of the assignment.

**Contact Information:**

Please see the top of the syllabus for your teacher's email and phone number. When leaving phone messages, please remember to leave your contact information.

1. I will not misbehave in the laboratory or play with laboratory equipment or materials. I will not engage in behavior that is disruptive or dangerous or that interferes with another student's right to learn.
2. I will protect my eyes, face, and hands while engaging in lab activities by wearing safety goggles and, when needed, gloves or other protective gear.
3. I will work only at my assigned station.
4. I will follow all written and oral instructions. I will wait until I receive my teacher's permission to begin a lab activity.
5. I will not carry out unassigned lab experiments without my teacher's permission.
6. I will not eat, drink, or taste anything in the laboratory. This includes food and drink as well as chemicals.
7. I will wash my hands thoroughly after using chemicals and lab equipment. When using chemicals, I will not touch my mouth, lips, or eyes until after I have washed my hands.
8. I will report any injury or accident to my teacher immediately.

***Student/Parent signatures required on the following page.***

### **Student Agreement**

I have read and understand the syllabus for my science class. I agree to the terms as stated and promise to adhere to these rules. I have also

read and understand the Safety Contract that I am expected to follow anytime I am in any science classroom and am willing to accept any and all consequences if I don't adhere to these rules.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Agreement**

I have read and understand the information concerning my child's science class. I agree to the terms as stated and promise to encourage my child to meet all the expectations outlined. If at any time I am concerned about, or question, my child's progress I will contact the teacher in a timely manner. Please sign and return to science tomorrow.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contact Info:

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Questions/Concerns you have at this time:

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