

# Student Expectations for Mr. Miller's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science class

Science is the study of the world around us. We will do many interesting and exciting activities and experiments. However, **Safety** is the most important thing in the science room. Therefore, following Mr. Miller's rules and directions is extremely important. Consequences for not following the rules may include detention and a phone call home.

## RESPECT

- Each other

- One person speaks at a time
- No teasing, put-downs or laughing at others
- Respect and celebrate differences
- Disagreements are handled in a peaceful way
- Help others stay focused on the lesson



- Yourself

- Be involved in the class so you learn as much as you can
- Keep focused on the lesson
- Keep your head up
- Do your work

**Ask for help if you are having difficulty in class or with homework**



- The classroom space and equipment

- Follow all safety rules
- Do not use equipment that you do not know how to use properly
- Stay out of cabinets and supply areas unless you have permission to be there
- Stay at your table unless you have permission to move around the room
- Keep your workspace neat



## GETTING TO CLASS...

- You are expected to get to class on time. If you are not seated and working by the time class begins, you will be considered tardy.
- A 15-minute detention will be assigned for being late. If you are late to class more than a few times, your parents will be notified.
- Being late to class will also hurt your grade.

(Note: If your previous teacher keeps you late, then you should bring a note from the teacher and you will not be penalized).

## IN THE CLASSROOM...

- You must follow Mr. Miller's instructions at all times.
- Only one person may be at the bathroom at a time, with permission from Mr. Miller (use a signal & choose an appropriate time).
- Each day you should come in, take out your required materials, and quietly start the day's "Activator".
- No food or drinks are allowed in the science classroom, except for water.
- Participate! Science is interesting, exciting and challenging, so be involved.

## HOMEWORK and GRADING...

You can expect around 30 minutes of Science homework three to four times a week. You can expect homework over the weekend.

Homework may be handed in one day late for 1/2 credit, and no credit will be awarded after that. Mr. Miller is very reasonable about giving you extra time to

do work *if you talk to him about it before* the assignment is due. The important thing is to communicate with him ahead of time.

Almost all your homework will be submitted through Mr. Miller's site on [www.schoolology.com](http://www.schoolology.com). If you are having trouble accessing the homework or turning in your assignments electronically, you are expected to let Mr. Miller know before the due date and to attempt to do the homework in another form (i.e., writing or printing).

If you are absent, you must see Mr. Miller upon your return. You will have as many days to make up the work as the number of days you were absent. You should also keep up with the current work.

Grades are calculated based on a point total. Homework, quizzes, tests, projects, participation and organization are all part of the point total. Each assignment is worth a certain number of points, and your overall grade is simply based on the percentage of the point total you earned that quarter.

#### WEBSITE...

All assignments and grades will also be posted on pages at [www.schoolology.com](http://www.schoolology.com).

Mr. Miller also maintains a website that can be found at <http://www.brooklineteacher.com> which includes some information for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.

Almost all of our work will be done online, and this will include participating in online blog discussions. If you have trouble accessing the website, then you can do these homework assignments at school (in the Science Lab or Library, for example).

**\*\*Let Mr. Miller know *immediately* if you have any computer-related difficulties.\*\***

#### CLASS PARTICIPATION...

You are expected to participate fully in class, and this will be part of your grade. Ways that you are expected to participate are: Sharing questions and comments in class, Working hard during group work and individual work, and Working to help your classmates succeed.

#### COMMUNICATION

You need to advocate for yourself. This means talking to your teachers when confused about something and more help is needed, as well as when a greater challenge is needed.

See the next page for more details about homework and revision policies.

## Nightly Homework Policies for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

Earning full credit on nightly homework means that you have met all of the following expectations:

Effort / Thoughtfulness	Understanding	Writing / Neatness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All of the assignment shows tremendous effort.</li><li>• Thoughtful ideas expressed throughout</li><li>• . Work is handed in on time, or you have had a discussion with Mr. Miller <b>before</b> the assignment is due.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student shows that he/she understands almost all of the material.</li><li>• All parts of the assignment are completed.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Name, date and assignment title are included.</li><li>• Work conforms to "Written Work Requirements" document (attached).</li><li>• Work is well organized and neat enough to read through easily</li></ul>

### ***When will homework be collected?***

Since most of your homework is submitted electronically, you are expected to complete it by 10 p.m. on the day the assignment is due. Otherwise it will be considered late. For homework that is handed in on paper (or projects), Mr. Miller will usually collect your homework at the beginning of the class on the day the assignment is due.

### ***What if my work is late?***

Homework handed in up to 24 hours late will result in ½ credit (half the score that would have been earned had the homework been handed in on time). You will also lose the opportunity to revise that work (see below).

### ***What do I do if I don't understand how to answer a question?***

**You are expected to write an answer to every question.** If you aren't sure how to answer the question, you are expected to write your best guess. Remember that you can always get help later, go back and revise the work (see below). Never leave a question blank or write "I don't know".

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## Revision Policy

We all learn from our mistakes, and that is why Mr. Miller has uses this Revision Policy:

**If you struggled with any part of an assignment, you will have a second chance** to correct your errors and resubmit the work. (Almost all of your science nightly homework qualifies for Mr. Miller's Revision Policy.)

**Revisions are due a week from the date the original assignment is returned to you.**

**Once you have revised your work, you could earn a higher grade** (even up to full credit on the assignment). You must hand in revised answers along with the original work. You only need to revise those questions for which you did not receive full credit.

You may even revise your revisions if you wish! It is very possible, through revisions, to earn 100% on all your nightly homework!

**The Revision Policy will not apply to work handed in late, or to skipped questions** (remember that you can always write thoughtful guesses if you aren't sure of an answer).

## Effort and Behavior Grades Rubric

### Effort Grade:

	1	2	3	4
Turning in assignments	No missing assignments	2-3 missing assignments	4-5 missing assignments	More than 5 missing assignments
Revisions	Work always revised when appropriate	Work is often revised when appropriate	Work is rarely revised	Work never revised
Coming to class on time	Always shows up on time	Late for class no more than 3 times during the term (without a pass)	Late for class more than 3 times during the term (without a pass)	Very often late for class (without a pass)
Class Preparation	Always have class materials with you	Occasionally forgets some class materials	Frequently forgets some class materials	Always or very often forgets class materials
Participation	Actively participates in class on a daily basis	Frequently participates actively in class	Rarely participates in class	Shows very little effort to participate in class

### Behavior Grade:

	1	2	3	4
Attitude	Shows positive attitude almost every day	Shows positive attitude in general	Rarely shows a positive attitude	Never shows a positive attitude
Focus	Always makes an effort to stay focused on the class work	Usually shows an effort to stay focused on the class work	Usually does not show much effort to stay focused on the class work	Never tries to stay focused on the class work
Respect for Others	Always shows respect for others	Generally shows respect for others	Has trouble showing respect for others	Generally shows little concern for others
Respect for Classroom space	Always shows respect for the classroom space	Generally shows respect for the classroom space	Has trouble showing respect for the classroom space	Generally shows little concern for the classroom space

# Written Work Requirements

All work in 7<sup>th</sup> grade is expected to include the following:

- Capital letter at the start of all sentences.
- Punctuation at the end of sentences.
- Proper nouns are capitalized (i.e. your name, names of places, etc.).
- Titles are capitalized.
- First person pronoun (I) is always capitalized.
- Punctuation is always followed by a space.
- No spelling errors if flagged by spell check.
- Full name on all work turned in.
- Date on all work turned in.

NOTE: Work that has not been checked for the above will be returned ungraded. This may result in a late assignment.