

MS Science Course Outline & Classroom Expectations

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Welcome to Science!

Science class will be following the course outline and expectations listed below, using science curriculum for Science 7 and 8, following the **Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) & Wisconsin Standards for Science**, which can be found posted in each science Google classroom, Mr. Graves' Crivitz School District - teacher website, and online.

- 1) **Google Classroom** will be used for communication with students *and* posting all curriculum correlating with following NGSS and Wisconsin Standards for Science.
 - a) **Stream Tab** - used for posting all science related announcements, test outlines, and weekly lessons/work to be completed; posted every Monday morning.
 - b) **Classwork Tab** - used for posting projects, labs, daily assignments, class material, etc. .
- 2) **Amplify** may also be used for curriculum and pacing. With Amplify Science, students learn to talk, read, write, think and argue like real scientists and engineers through investigations of real-world problems and scientific phenomena, gaining the skills needed to master the NGSS.
- 3) **Skyward** will be used for grading - both students and parents must check routinely
 - a) Grades will be converted from both Google Classroom and Amplify to Skyward. **It is encouraged that both students and parents access Skyward for the most accurate measure of progress/grades**. Skyward can be found on the Crivitz School District home page under **"Resources - Student Resources,"** then select **"Skyward Student Access."**
- 4) **Grading**
 - a) Grades are updated regularly within 1-3 days after every assignment is completed and turned in. (Exceptions: major projects/tests that may take a longer time to properly assess)
 - b) All assessments will be determined by the total number of points in each weighted category listed below, out of 100%, to assess student understanding as we explore science topics:
 - i) **Participation (20%)**
 - (1) Be an ENGAGED learner - actively be engaged in learning by participating in class discussion/questioning/activities, following the pace set by the teacher, and staying on task
 - (2) RESPECT - show respect to yourself, others, school property, and follow directions when instructed. Appropriate behavior and what is expected will be clearly explained. Science classes follow all expectations as stated in the *Crivitz High School/Middle School Student Handbook*.
 - (3) RESPONSIBILITY - bring required materials to class every day, including having your chromebook charged ahead of time
 - ii) **Assignments (20%)**
 - (1) Reading/writing assignments, student investigation workbook, etc. (formative assessments)
 - iii) **Projects (30%)**
 - (1) Poster or Google Slide research projects, lab reports, lab activities, science fair projects, etc. (formative & summative assessments)
 - iv) **Tests (30%)**
 - (1) Tests, quizzes, formal/verbal presentations (summative assessments)

Assessments (Assignments & Projects):

1. **Complete all assignments & projects on time!** All assessments are due at the start of class. Assessments will be collected to be graded by the teacher, or each student will grade his or her own work, and then be collected. If an assessment is not handed in at the time it is collected, or not completed before grading, it is considered late. I may give extensions on due dates as situations arise.

*** All **ASSIGNMENTS** that are **NOT turned in on time** will have **50% of the total score deducted once it is late.** Zero credit will be given at the end of each quarter.

*** All **PROJECTS** that are **NOT turned in on time** will have **10% of the total score deducted each day it is late, up to a 50% deduction after 5 days.** Zero credit will be given at the end of each quarter.

2. **Assignments without student names** will not be graded and displayed in class; it will be entered as a zero until it is claimed. Once claimed, the grade will be updated.

3. **Responsibility and honesty are highly regarded.** I support students collaborating and sharing ideas when appropriate (this will be reviewed as needed). However, if it is obvious that a student copied or plagiarized another person's work, on any assignment (test, homework, lab, project, ect.) zero credit will be given, and they can start over.

4. **Unexcused absences** - assignments are expected to be completed on time, and score deductions will be applied as described above.

5. **Excused absences** - You will be given 2 days to make-up work for every day absent.
Always check the "Stream" tab of Google Classroom for weekly lesson plans describing what we're doing each day, Mon - Fri.

6. **All hard copy assignments** can be found any time in the "Absent" shelf organizer in the classroom. If a hard copy of any assignment is not provided, or cannot be accessed in-person as a virtual student, an online copy or alternative assignment for equal credit will be found under the "Classwork" tab in Google Classroom.

Grading Scale - Crivitz School District

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
93-100%	90-92%	87-89%	83-86%	80-82%	77-79%	73-76%	70-72%	67-69%	63-66%	60-62%	0-59%

Teacher Website

All communication, curriculum, and assignments will be provided on Google Classroom. However, additional resources can be found for both students and parents on my teacher website. Navigate through steps 1-3 below to access.

1. Go to Crivitz School District homepage → 2. Select the apple icon "Teacher Sites" → 3. Search for "Mr. Graves"

Class Materials

You will need the following materials for science class:

- Charged Chromebook
- #2 Pencils
- Red Marking Pens
- Pocket Folder
- Spiral Notebook
- Highlighters (suggested)
- Colored Pencils (suggested)
- Daily Planner (Provided by school)

Student & Parent/Guardian Form - MS Science Course Outline & Classroom Expectations

Please sign and return:

1) This *Student & Parent/Guardian Form* **AND**

2) The *Scientific Student Safety Contract* by _____ for 10 points credit (5 pts each). Please keep the rest of the form for your reference.

PLEASE NOTE: Most parents/guardians have already digitally signed the scientific student safety contract (listed 2nd above) when registering their child in Skyward for the school year. The office spreadsheet of digital signatures will be referenced to give students credit. Students of parents/guardians who did not digitally sign the scientific student safety contract will receive a paper copy, which must be signed and returned for equal credit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.
I look forward to a positive and successful school year!

- Mr. Graves

Signing this will signify that you have read and understand Mr. Graves' "**MS Science Course Outline & Classroom Expectations**" for science class.

Student Name (Print Neatly): _____

Class Period: _____

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____