

# Exploring Technology Disclosure 2020 – 2021

Ms. Morrill

## Course Description

Exploring Technology is a hands-on semester class that explores various technologies, applies math and science knowledge, and gives students a chance to develop problem-solving skills. Possible topics covered include transportation, power and energy, manufacturing, construction, agriculture, healthcare, and information technology/multimedia. Sample projects include posters, buttons, computer games, CO2 Cars, and hydraulic robot arms.

## Due Dates

Students can turn in late work and re-do assignments without penalty until the deadlines, which will be midterm for the first half of the quarter, and the week before the end of the quarter for the second half. After the deadlines, students will not be able to make up work or redo assignments.

## Grading

Students will be graded based on two categories:

- Assignments—20%
- Assessments—80%

## Tech Labs

Students are expected to show appropriate behavior, follow all lab rules and respect equipment within the labs at all times. Failure to do so will result in losing lab privileges and the student will complete a written assignment instead. Students will be responsible for any deliberate damages.

## Lab Fee

There is a \$10 fee which will be posted on Skyward about 2 weeks into class. This fee helps cover the cost of materials and supplies used for the class, including water/air rocket, printing and woodturning supplies (activities subject to change).

## Cell Phone / Mobile Device Policy:

Cell phones and other mobile devices are not to be used in class, unless the teacher gives permission. Ear buds should be out of ears and out of sight. If a student is caught using a device without permission, the device will be moved into “cell phone prison” and the following consequences will be enforced:

- 1st Offense: Device goes to prison until end of period, lose citizenship points, name added to offenders list
- 2nd Offense: Device goes to prison for the rest of the day; lose citizenship points, citizenship drops a grade
- 3rd Offense: Device goes to prison and then transfers to attendance office, where the official school cell phone policy will be enforced. lose citizenship points, parents contacted.
- 4th Offense: Device goes to office again to continue school policy consequences, lose citizenship points and class technology/activity privileges, administration contacted. Insubordination consequences may apply.

*\*Citizenship points will ONLY affect the citizenship grade (H, S, N, U)*

## Safety

Safety is a priority at all times during hands on projects. Safety guidelines are clearly covered in class and students will be required to pass a general safety test before using any equipment. Lab privileges will be revoked for any student displaying unsafe behavior.

## Covid-19

To reduce risk for spreading Covid-19, students are required to wear masks that cover their mouth and nose completely throughout class. They will also be cleaning their desks and lab computers at the beginning of the

period every day. **The district has classified this class as high-risk**, so I will also be taking students' temperatures daily. If a student has a temperature 100.4°F or higher will be sent home.

**Teacher Availability:**

I am available from 7:20 - 3:20, Tuesday - Thursday. Any other times by appointment. Students with questions on grades and assignments are asked to come in outside of class, as it is often too busy during class. I am also available during school hours by email: [lindsey.morrill@jordandistrict.org](mailto:lindsey.morrill@jordandistrict.org). For access to class materials, log in to Canvas at **jsd.instructure.com**.