

## SOJO Biology

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**Learning science is a developmental progression which often takes TIME and most importantly it TAKES EFFORT. Students must give both to be successful in developing scientific understanding.**

I never teach my pupils, I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn.

---Albert Einstein

**Needed Materials:** Designated place in a binder/folder for science, notebook paper, pencils.

- Students are expected to have a fully charged computer with them everyday.
- Backpacks will be kept under your desk during class.
- It is the student's responsibility to clean their space and use hand sanitizer at the beginning of each class period.

**Learning Science:** To support the state learning goals, there will be less teacher-centered instruction and more student-centered learning. Students will...

- Gather and organize information from multiple sources (reading, data, investigations) and work to develop explanations and design solutions supported by evidence-based arguments and reasoning to achieve an understanding of core science ideas.
- Develop and discuss open-ended questions that focus on the strength of the evidence used to generate claims
- Engage in science and engineering practices to explain phenomena.
- Integrate the knowledge of science and the skills needed to achieve understanding.

**Work Expectations:** Work is due on time, completed, and finished at a high quality.

- **On Time** means it is handed in/submitted online when the teacher requests.
- **Completed** means that every part must be finished as instructed.
- **High quality** means all answers are written **with complete sentences that communicate student understanding.**
  - Work not meeting these work expectations will be returned and will need to be properly completed and turned back in with a late pass.
- **Retakes:** Students must complete all missing/incomplete work prior to arranging a retake opportunity and do an additional practice.

**Absent/Late work:**

- It is the student's responsibility to complete assignments posted through canvas on days student is absent
  - Email or meet with your teacher before or after school if help is needed with make up work.
- If you miss a class activity or lab, you will have an alternate assignment on CANVAS.
- Late work is accepted for each unit until the day of that unit's assessment.

**Grade breakdown:** Grades will be based on students showing understanding of the standards.

80% - Assessments

20% - Classwork

**Citizenship Expectations:** For a successful learning classroom, each student must be accountable for his or her own actions and behavior. We will follow the school citizenship rubric for determining citizenship grades: [SOJO Citizenship Guidelines](#)

- **Tardies:** Students are expected to be on time to class, this means being in your seat with your science materials out when the bell rings.
  - 2 tardies = Parent will be notified
  - 3 tardies = After school detention referral
- **Cheating** in any form will not be tolerated and will result in a 0 score on the assignment/test, a U in citizenship, and a call home – this includes copying or letting someone copy your tests, quizzes, and class work.

**Digital Citizenship:** Students are expected to use personal/school technology (computers, iPad's, etc) only for the intended activities as instructed by the teacher.

- Use of electronic devices for anything other than the intended learning activity will result in loss of access for the time the teacher determines appropriate. The student will still be expected to complete the work on his or her own.
- **Personal electronic devices (including earbuds)** may not be used and should not be seen in class. If personal devices are seen they will be taken to the attendance office according to school policy.

We desire to help each student achieve his/her best. Appointments are available after school and Friday's. Please contact us about any concerns or problems.

*Mrs. Reddish*

I have READ and understand the 8th grade science rules and policies.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_