



School Year 2018/2019

Course Name	7 th Grade Life Science & ELT	Course Code	26.0112000
School Name	Champion Middle School	Teacher Name	Mr. Ross Phillips
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Course Description: This course is designed to reinforce the 7th grade science concepts and to provide enrichment within the content area within a 9 week period.

Curriculum Overview

The following academic concepts will be covered. **THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** 7th Grade Science Georgia Performance Standards and Georgia Literacy Common Core Standards will be taught during this course. Please refer to the (<http://www.georgiastandards.org/>) for detailed listings of standards.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW
Unit 1 – Cell Functions & Organ Systems
Unit 2 – Genetics and Heredity
Unit 3 – Evolution
Unit 4 – Classification
Unit 5 - Ecology

BOARD-APPROVED INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Title	Georgia Holt Science and Technology Life Science
ISBN	13:978-0-03-092025-7
Replacement Cost	\$67.00
Online book and/or resources	Please see class website for additional web resource links.
Online student access code (school specific)	Teacher will provide as appropriate

GRADING SYSTEM: The DeKalb County School District believes that the most important assessment of student learning shall be conducted by the teachers as they observe and evaluate students in the context of ongoing classroom instruction. A variety of approaches, methodologies, and resources shall be used to deliver educational services and to maximize each student’s opportunity to succeed. Teachers shall evaluate student progress, report grades that represent the student’s academic achievement, and communicate official academic progress to students and parents in a timely manner through the electronic grading portal. **See Board Policy IHA.**

GRADING CATEGORIES	*GRADE PROTOCOL		
Pre Assessment (Formative Assessment) - 0%	A	90 – 100	~ P (pass)
Assessment During Learning – 25%	B	80 – 89	~ F (fail)
Guided, Independent, or Group Practice, Homework – 45%	C	71 – 79	
Summative Assessment or Assessment of Learning– 30%	D	70	
	F	Below 70	

Notes:

*English Learners (ELs) must not receive numerical or letter grades for the core content areas in elementary and middle school during their first year of language development. A grade of CS or CU must be assigned. This rule may be extended beyond the first year with approval from the EL Studies Program. English Learners must receive a grade for ESOL courses.

~Elementary schools will utilize P (pass) and F (fail) in Health/Physical Education, Music, World Languages, Visual Arts and Performing Arts.

DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCCESS	
STUDENT PROGRESS	Semester progress reports shall be issued four and a half, nine and thirteen and a half weeks into each semester. The progress of students shall be evaluated frequently and plans shall be generated to remediate deficiencies as they are discovered. Plans shall include appropriate interventions designed to meet the needs of the students. See Board Policy IH.
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY	Students will not engage in an act of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, providing false information, falsifying school records, forging signatures, or using an unauthorized computer user ID or password. See the Code of Student Conduct - Student Rights and Responsibilities and Character Development Handbook.
HOMEWORK	Homework assignments should be meaningful and should be an application or adaptation of a classroom experience. Homework is at all times an extension of the teaching/learning experience. It should be considered the possession of the student and should be collected, evaluated and returned to the students. See Board Policy IHB.
MAKE-UP WORK DUE TO ABSENCES	When a student is absent because of a legal reason as defined by Georgia law or when the absence is apparently beyond the control of the student, the student shall be given an opportunity to earn grade(s) for those days absent. Make-up work must be completed within the designated time allotted. See Board Policy IHEA.
SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCCESS	
CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS	Please refer to the additional hand out sent home and my website for classroom expectations.
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	Materials list on class website and given out at open house.
EXTRA HELP	In addition to assisting students on a one-on-one basis as needed during the school day I will offer tutorial TBA. Tutorials are BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please refer to my website for more details.
PARENTS PARTNERS	I have an “Open Door Policy” please feel free to stop by our classroom and I’m very accessible through e-mail.

**PLEASE SIGN BELOW AND RETURN TO MR. PHILLIPS BY
FRIDAY 8/10/2018.**

We have read Mr. Phillips' 7th Grade Life Science & ELT Syllabus for the 2018/2019 school year.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Additional information to support continued contact:

Information	Parent/Guardian
Day Time Phone Number/s	
Mobile Phone Number/s	
Home Phone Number	
Email Address	