

6th Grade Science Syllabus

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Course Outcomes

Students will gain knowledge in various science topics through lecture, projects, tests/quizzes, and experiments/hands-on activities.

Topics/Instruction

- https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/stateboardofeducation/documents/massivemeetingsfolder/meetingfiles4/10-20-17_III_J_Non-Substantive_Changes_to_Math_ELA__Science_Standards_Attachment_3_-_Science.pdf
- 6.PS3: Energy
- 6.LS2: Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics
- 6.LS4: Biological Change: Unity and Diversity
- 6. ETS1: Engineering Design
- 6.ESS2: Earth's Systems
- 6.ESS3: Earth and Human Activity
- General Pacing

1st Nine Weeks	2nd Nine Weeks	3rd Nine Weeks	4th Nine Weeks
Energy Ecosystems, Populations, and Energy	Ecosystems, Health, and Biodiversity Earth's Hydrosphere and Atmosphere	Earth's Climates Earth and Human Activity	Review TN Ready Testing

- Materials needed for the class
 - Science Textbook
 - SAVAAS Workbook
 - Chromebook
 - Paper/pencil

Assessment and Grading

Grading Policy:

- Final grades assigned for this course are based on the percentage of points earned and are assigned as follows:

Letter Grade	Percentage
A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	59% or below

Grades for this course are weighted as follows:

- Tests 40%
- Classwork 30%
- Quizzes 30%,

- Make-up/Late work Policy: Students are required to check the absentee folder for any assignments they missed while absent. Make-up work is to be made up within two days of returning to school.

General Expectations

- Come to class prepared (pencil, chromebook, homework)
- Be respectful to others
- Use polite and appropriate language
- Arrive to class on time and be ready to learn
- Try your best

Plagiarism

According to Harbrace Handbook, 15th edition: Plagiarism is defined as “presenting someone else’s ideas, research, or opinions as your own without proper documentation, even if it has been rephrased.”

- This includes but is not limited to:
 - Copying verbatim all or part of another’s written work;

- Using phrases, figures, or illustrations without citing the source;
- Paraphrasing ideas, conclusions, or research without citing the source;
- Using all or part of a literary plot, poem, or film without attributing the work to its creator.
- This also includes generative AI (see board policy)

Consequences of Plagiarism

- Plagiarism is a form of stealing and academic fraud. Students who are found guilty of plagiarism have the option of either redoing the assignment within a specified time period and accept a letter drop or taking a zero on the assignment. Parents are to be involved in the making of this decision.

Stay in contact with the teacher via email or Parent Square for updates, changes to pacing, and any grading questions or concerns.