

This page is to be returned to Ms. Ivery once completed.

# Ms. Ivery's 8th grade Science & Social Syllabus

## Checklist

**As you read over the syllabus, please initial on the check list; and complete, sign, and date where needed and return this top page to Ms. Ivery tomorrow.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. My scholar and I have reviewed the Academic Honesty, Missing Work and Late Work policies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I have registered my scholar in Parent Portal Infinite Campus and I understand that this is where I check grades, including missing assignments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. I understand that if my scholar is absent, it is his/her responsibility to get with Ms. Ivery for all missing assignments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I understand that extra credit will only be given to the entire class at Ms. Ivery's discretion.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I understand that the assigned textbooks are an electronic book on McGraw-Hill & GO! Gallopade apps on LaunchPad.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I understand that my scholar must come to class every day prepared with the suggested materials and ready to learn.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I understand that my scholar must submit a relearning plan for all major assessments if scored below a 70%, unless exempt by a parent/guardian.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. I understand that if I would like to schedule a Parent-Teacher Conference, I must book it through <https://www.rcboe.org/Page/20976> or call the Guidance Department to do so.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. I have reviewed the entire syllabus and understand Ms. Ivery's rules and expectations.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. I have joined the correct ClassDojo group for my scholar's class period only.

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## Acknowledgement

Please complete, sign and date this page of the syllabus to affirm that you and your scholar have reviewed this document.

Scholar's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Method of Communication: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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## Textbook = eBook

**SCIENCE:** McGraw- Hill, Inspire Science

This is an electronic book that will be

## Academic Honesty

RCSS Code of Conduct, Rule 1 (A)(t), states that no student shall cheat, alter records, plagiarize, receive unauthorized assistance, or assist another in any type of academic dishonesty. The unauthorized or improper use of an artificial intelligence (AI) program constitutes academic dishonesty.

When the assignment calls for scholars to produce original work, scholars, will not use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to generate the assignment for them. Assignments are given to help students learn and demonstrate what they know. While there may be appropriate times for students to use AI during the learning process, using AI to generate original work in place of the scholar completing the work, is considered Academic Dishonesty and can be punished according to the rules outlined in the Code of Conduct.

## Textbook = eBook

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** GO! Gallopade Online

This is an electronic book that will be used throughout the school year. There is **no** hardback textbook to supplement.

## Late Work

Late work is defined as assignments that are submitted after the specified deadline. This does not apply to work submitted late due to an excused absence from school.

Scholars are expected to submit all assignments on time. Scholars will receive a 5% grade reduction per school day for a 25% maximum reduction (five school days). Any assignments submitted after the fifth school day will only be accepted at Ms. Ivery's discretion.

**I will not accept late work from a previous grading term or unit.**

## Grading Weights

Minor Assignments – classwork, quizzes	60%
Major Assignments – interactive notebook, labs, tests & projects	40%

**\*If the opportunity for extra credit is given, it will only be given for the entire class. At no time will one individual scholar ever be afforded the opportunity to do extra credit.**

## Grading Scale

Grades are determined on your performance in six different categories, classwork & interactive notebook, labs & quizzes, tests & projects, and homework. Homework is any classwork that is not completed during class. This does not include Asynchronous Days (Learn From Home Days).

The computer will automatically round up semester grades that are within 0.05 points of the higher grade.

**Want to know how your scholar is doing in my class?** Check **Infinite Campus**. All grades will be posted online in Infinite Campus weekly. Parents are encouraged to monitor their scholar's grades using the RCSS Parent Portal, Infinite Campus.

A	90%-100%
B	80%-89%
C	75%-79%
D	70-74%
F	Below 70
F	No attempt

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## Missing Work

Missing work is to be made up at the discretion of the teacher. It is the **scholar's responsibility** to contact Ms. Ivery regarding make-up work. Scholars who fail to see Ms. Ivery and schedule a time to make up missed work may receive a grade of zero for that missing assignment or assessment. A scholar has only 5 days to make up missing work. However, Ms. Ivery will determine re-assigned work on a specified date.

## Classroom Expectations

Appropriate behavior is always expected as this provides an academic and safe environment conducive to developing the skills necessary to succeed in class. Each scholar must follow the RCSS Code of Conduct, Belair Middle School procedures, and Ms. Ivery's class rituals and routines. Further disruptions will result in contact with parents. If that is unsuccessful, further disciplinary action will be taken. **You** must:

1. Follow all Ms Ivery's instructions.
2. Give 100% of effort all the time.
3. Enter the classroom quickly and quietly to start on time.
4. Respect yourself and others in speech and behavior.
5. No food or drinks in class, unless approved. (Excludes water)
6. Be prepared with ALL materials daily.
7. Raise your hand for permission to get out of your seat and leave the class outside of Ms. Ivery's instruction and appointed timeframe.
8. No cell phone/other electronic devices in class. *Parents be mindful of texting your scholar during class as YOU may be the cause of disruption. Do not expect a response. Call the front office instead at 706-737-7301.*

## Relearn & Reassess

Scholars will have the opportunity to submit a relearning plan for any **major assessment**. Upon satisfactory completion of the plan, a scholar will be given a minimum of two opportunities to be reassessed. Scholars scoring below 70 on a major assessment are expected to complete a

## Homework

Homework is any classwork that is not completed during class; and any work that will be used to support in class instruction.

## Consequences

Scholars are free to **choose**, but they are not free of the **consequences**. Scholars who do not meet the expectations and rules of RCSS Code of Conduct, Belair Middle School procedures and Ms. Ivery's class rituals and routines will proceed with the following disciplinary plan:

1. Verbal Warning
2. Redirection + Lose ClassDojo point
3. Reflection Essay + Major Referral
4. In-person

## 1 Rule Classroom

If what you are doing:

**INTERFERES** with learning,

**HURTS** someone's feelings/heart

OR

**PREVENTS** you from being your best self,

**YOU SHOULDN'T BE DOING IT, so DON'T.**

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## Suggested Materials

- ✚ Five Star Interactive Notebook College Rule
  - ✚ Graphing Paper
  - ✚ Gel Pens or Felt Tip Pens
  - ✚ Colored Pencils
  - ✚ Skinny Markers
  - ✚ Pencils
  - ✚ Glue Sticks
  - ✚ Earbuds

## Communication



Richmond County School System utilizes Canvas as our learning management system. For additional class information, announcements, and assignments, please refer to Canvas.



Richmond County School System utilizes Infinite Campus as our parent portal. For schoolwide announcements, parent-teacher-student messaging, and registering your child, please refer to Infinite Campus.



ClassDojo

I utilize ClassDojo as a speedy messaging system for both parents and scholars. Please refer to ClassDojo for homework reminders, school events, and quick correspondences.

Please allow up to 48 hours for a response during my office hours, Wednesdays and Fridays 9:30 am-10:30 am.



## Volunteer

***Want to volunteer your time for the Science Fair, lab supervision or chaperoning a field trip?***



## Year-Round Donations

- ✚ Facial Tissue
- ✚ Hand Sanitizer
- ✚ Disinfectant Wipes
- ✚ Disinfectant Spray
- ✚ Paper Towels
- ✚ Trial-sized Deodorant
- ✚ ChapSticks
- ✚ Band-aids (*various sizes*)
- ✚ Healthy Snacks (*individually packaged*)
- ✚ Colored copy paper
- ✚ Paper/Plastic cups (*mouthwash sized*)
- ✚ Plastic spoons
- ✚ Craftsticks

## Feedback

For me to continuously improve, please provide me anonymous feedback on something I am doing well and/or on something I should reconsider.

