



7th Grade STEM Syllabus

Mr. Reynolds

Welcome! I am pleased to introduce myself as your 7th grade STEM teacher at American Leadership Academy, and we have much to look forward to this year! Our objectives include expanding your science, math and technology investigation and observation skills. Organizing, analyzing, collaborating, and communicating are all skills we will use. I have high expectations for each of you but believe each of you will succeed and find our STEM classes enjoyable.

Communications

Communicating by email is best, and I can be reached at jreynolds@alanevada.org. I will also send out e-mail or remind updates regarding assignments, tests, projects, and other useful information. Please be sure your email information on file with the school is correct, I will email through our database.

Materials

Students are expected to bring a pen or pencil to class every day, plus all homework or related class materials. Class participation feedback depends on consistently bringing needed materials and being ready to contribute to the class. Students are expected to bring science workbooks to class everyday, along with ALA required supplies.

NO CELL PHONES ARE PERMITTED IN THE CLASSROOMS!

Grading

Tests/Quizzes/Lab Reports
Homework

70%
30%

Late assignments will only be accepted for 3 school days, and will be deducted 20% each day.

Expectations

- Be in your seat and quiet when the bell rings.
- Start work immediately.
- Leave class only when dismissed by the teacher.
- Raise your hand for permission to speak or to leave your seat.

Rules

The ALA student handbook includes these classroom rules:

- **Be Responsible;** follow all directions when given
- **Be Respectful;** be on time, raise your hand if you need teacher's attention, and stay in your seat until you have permission
- **Be Ready;** bring all needed materials to class
- **Be Considerate:** keep all objects, hands, and feet to yourself
- **Be Kind;** if you don't have anything nice to say, then don't say anything at all

Other important rules:

- **Any behavior** which breaks school rules, or prevents Mr. Reynolds from teaching is unacceptable.
- **Failure to follow lab safety rules will result in lost lab time. Instead of participating in lab, a student who has ignored lab safety rules will be given desk work to complete and turn in at the end of the class period**

Consequences

- Verbal warning
- Phone Call Home
- Detention
- Referral to Office/Yellow Card

Procedures

- Come in, find your seat and have supplies ready.
- Sharpen pencils before the tardy bell.
- Warm-up activities should be completed.
- Copy objective from white board.
- Homework, class activities, and upcoming due dates should be copied daily from the board once the warm-up activities are completed.
- You are responsible for copying down all assignments and due dates.
- It is **your** responsibility to come and get work you have missed if you were absent.

Restroom

- Students will have time between subjects and should use that time to take care of personal needs.

Questions/Comments

- I will be available for parent conferences by appointment. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions.
- My tutorials are Mondays and Wednesdays before school from 7:30am to 8:00am. Other times by appointment.

Sincerely,

John Reynolds
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