




Journey Middle School

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Science Olympiad
6th, 7th, & 8th Grade
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Textbook Information	There is no textbook for this class.
Course Description	The students in this course will be a part of the Science Olympiad teams. This course will cover all science disciplines including earth science, life science, physical science, forensics, and advanced chemistry. Students will research topics to develop their understanding of all aspects of science. The class time will be devoted to actively seeking knowledge as well as identifying and developing students' strengths.
Course Objectives	By the end of this course, students will have the general knowledge for Science Olympiad events and competition.
Course Outline	Unit 1: What is Science Olympiad? Unit 2: Life, Personal, and Social Science Unit 3: Earth and Space Science Unit 4: Physical Science and Chemistry Unit 5: Inquiry and Nature of Science Unit 6: Technology and Engineering <i>*This is subject to change.</i>
Classroom Expectations	Classroom Expectations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Come prepared to learn everyday and follow all directions quickly. 2. Try to limit your time outside of the classroom as much as you can. 3. Try your very best every single day. 4. Be kind and respectful to everyone. 5. Keep your area clean 6. Keep all personal electronics out of sight during class
Progressive Discipline <i>(JMS Policy)</i>	Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention and a parent contact Step 5: Office referral
Grading Policy <i>(MCS Policy)</i>	60% = Assessments (Tests, Essays, Projects) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, and Participation)

<p>Late Work Policy</p>	<p>For work turned in late, the following policy will apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The assignment will drop one LETTER grade for each school day that passes. For example, if an assignment is turned in one school day late, the highest a student can receive is 89%; two days late, 79%, etc. 1 day late = maximum credit 89% 2 days late = maximum credit 79% 3 days late = maximum credit 69% 4 days late = maximum credit 59% 5-10 days late = maximum credit 50% • Half credit is always better than no credit! Until work has been made up, “Missing” (which counts as a zero) will be put in the grade book. This will be updated once work is completed and turned in
<p>Make-up Work/Test Policy</p>	<p>Under normal circumstances, it is expected that students will submit previously assigned work upon return to school after an excused absence. All work missed on the day(s) of excused absences must be made up within a timeframe determined by the teacher. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure he or she makes up work following excused absences. Students will not receive credit for and will not be allowed to make up any assignments, tests, work, activities, etc., missed during unexcused absences.</p>
<p>Technology</p>	<p>Student laptops should not be hard-wired to the network or have print capabilities. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers. Neither the teacher nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at the individual discretion of the teacher.</p>
<p>Accommodations</p>	<p>Requests for accommodations for this course or any school event are welcomed from students and parents.</p>
<p>Materials & Supplies</p>	<p>Materials needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chromebook • Pencils • Composition Notebook <p>*Students will be completing hands-on projects during this class. If additional materials are needed the teacher will notify students and parents prior to the start of the project.</p>
<p>Homework</p>	<p>All assignments and projects will be completed during class time. In the case that a student may not utilize time wisely or are absent from class they may be expected to complete this work at home. Additionally, if a student is part of the Science Olympiad team they may need additional prep time at home.</p>
<p>Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form</p>	<p>Scan for acknowledgement form:</p>  <p>Link</p>