



Liberty Middle School
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Scholars Bowl Syllabus

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Webpage Link: Veizer, Cierra - Math / Meet the Teacher The majority of materials used in class will be posted in Schoology.
Textbook Information, Required Texts, and Other Instructional Materials	iReady: https://login.i-ready.com/ <i>Parents and guardians can access other supplementary materials through the Schoology platform.</i>
Course Description	This course will actually be the Middle Schools' Scholars Bowl teams. Scholars Bowl is much like Jeopardy! It is an academic competition that is tons of fun! The course will cover all academic disciplines, from math and science to art, literature, and current news. Students will independently research topics becoming as knowledgeable as possible in every category. Also, students will identify their academic strengths and become experts in that field. The class period will be devoted to actively seeking knowledge and facts, not just knowing the "whats" but also the "whys." We will routinely practice for tournaments each day.
Course Objectives	To learn a vast variety of information to successfully compete in Scholars Bowl tournaments.
Class Fee	There is a \$25 class fee. Please try to have your money in by Monday, August 19. All checks should be made to Liberty Middle School. However, should tournaments occur, whether virtually or in-person, there will be registration costs for each student.
Classroom Expectations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respect yourself, others, and all class materials. 2. Bring your chromebook, notebook, and other materials to class every day. 3. Work collaboratively. 4. Research what you do not know. 5. Demonstrate excellent sportsmanship. 6. Save off-topic requests for after instruction. 7. Be in your seat when the tardy bell rings. Students tardy to class will receive a detention per LMS policy. <p>All students must follow the Madison City Schools Code of Conduct.</p>
Technology Policy	<p>Students should bring their MCS chromebooks and chargers to class each day. Teachers utilize GoGuardian to monitor student activity and participation; however, students are responsible for their activity on school-issued devices and using their MCS accounts.</p> <p>Students are welcome to bring personal cell phones to school to be used between classes and during lunch. Students will not be allowed to use cell phones during class. All cell phones must be placed in students' backpacks or a cell phone holder that the teacher has placed in the designated area of the classroom during the entirety of the instructional block. Also, remember that the student is responsible for locking and securing personal devices. LMS is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones and other electronic devices. Students may not use their devices to do anything that would disrupt the learning environment at Liberty Middle School.</p>
Progressive Discipline (LMS Policy)	Liberty Middle School Classroom Management Plan: Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference with parent notification Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention

	Step 5: Referral to administration for repeat Class I violations and initial Class II and Class III offenses (Madison City Schools Code of Conduct)
Grading Policy (MCS Policy)	60% = Assessments (Tests and Projects) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Classwork, and Participation) <i>Please note that tests may be given orally to mimic that of a competition setting.</i>
Formations of A, B, and C Teams	A competitive scholars bowl team consists of no more than six players, with two of those players being alternates. Some tournaments will allow a school to bring a “B” team. However, in many district and state competitions only the “A” team is allowed to play. Decision on which team a student places will be based upon scores acquired during class/practice and performance in practice matches and tournaments. Teams may change throughout the season.
Parent Support	Parent support is critical to student success in Scholars Bowl. Not only will parents send in random donations for practice question sets, but parent volunteers will also be needed at tournaments. Please let me know if you would be interested in volunteering.
Late Work Policy	All work is expected to be turned in complete and on time. If an extension is needed due to an extenuating circumstance, please work with the teacher to decide on an adjusted due date. <u>Communication is required to secure all possible points if an assignment is to be turned in late.</u> A final due date will be set for any missing assignments at the end of each term to provide time for grading.
Make-up Work/Test Policy	Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up all work within three days of returning to school. All work to be completed will be located in the Makeup Work folder in the classroom. Students should locate their work in their block’s folder. Their work will have their name on it. It is the student’s responsibility to get their make-up work from this folder. Students can work with a classmate or ask the teacher for help. A completed copy of the notes for each section will be uploaded on Schoology for reference. Work that is not made up will become a zero (including quizzes/tests). Many times, missed quizzes and tests can be made up during school.
Materials & Supplies	Please see the 2024-2025 LMS Supply List here . Teacher Wish List: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kleenex (<i>priority</i>) ● Clorox wipes (<i>priority</i>) ● Sharpened wooden pencils ● Colored paper ● Expo markers
Assignments	Students are expected to fully engage in class and participate fully. Any work not completed in class is subject to being completed at home. All assignments are due at the beginning of class the day after it is assigned (unless another due date is set).
Final Considerations	Scholars Bowl will be a very challenging but fun class. Students will be expected to learn and memorize all world capitals, famous works of art, literature, and music, British prime ministers, major wars and battles, history, science facts and classifications, geology, math, EVERYTHING! They will also be tested on these topics. To top it off, students will be expected to conduct independent research projects and create questions in NAQT format. <u>Please make note that scholars bowl is an elective in which the student will need to do considerable work.</u>
Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form	Please sign this Syllabus below, acknowledging that you have fully read and understand each part of this syllabus. This must be completed together by both parent/guardian and student. I am so excited to begin this new year with you! We are going to have a great year of learning and growing both as lifetime learners and individuals.

**This syllabus is subject to change.*