Course Syllabus for SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM - SCIENCE (2014)

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Course Description:

In this introductory laboratory science course, students will examine the skills used by scientists to solve problems. Students will use not only critical thinking and mathematical skills to conduct experiments and analyze data, but they will engage in hands-on investigations to help develop their scientific minds.

Materials:

- 1. Notebook
- 2. Pens and Pencils (I will not supply them for you)
- 3. Scientific Calculator

***You are expected to bring these materials to class everyday.

Attendance Policy and Make-up Work

Ms. D. Newell

Students are expected to be present daily and on time, especially due to the limited time and the amount of material we have this summer. In the event of absence, it is the student's responsibility to bring an absence excuse from a parent or guardian the day the student returns to class. Students who have not brought notes within three days will not be given make-up work.

There will be no make-up work given for truancy or unexcused absences. Students must make appointments for missed quizzes and/or tests. Missed labs cannot be made up. Major projects are given well in advance. Students may turn in projects early. However, if the student is absent on the day the project is due, it will NOT be accepted a day later. Get an early start on major projects and meet the deadline that is given.

Class Website and Engrade

Be sure to use our class webpage located at <u>www.mrjenks2.weebly.com</u>. I will update it every day with the assignments required for class. If you happen to be absent, check the website to get your work you missed. I will not find you to hand you make-up work.

Grades and attendance will be assessed using Engrade. Students will be required to create an account to monitor their grades. Parents are encouraged to register to track their child's progress.

Tardy Policy

Bellwork will be assigned every day for 3 points. Late students are allowed into the classroom with a valid pass. Show up on time, ready to learn! Students are to knock on the door and wait to be allowed in the room. I will not disrupt the flow of the lesson to open the door for late students. Excessive tardiness will result in a phone call home, parent conferences, or suspension. Students must be in the room when the tardy bell rings.

If a student is late and does not have a pass, they will still be allowed into the classroom, BUT will not receive credit for that day.

Tests & Quizzes:

Quizzes will occur periodically throughout the summer. Quizzes may or may not be announced. Keep up with your studies! An announced quiz may be made up with an approved absence excuse. An unannounced quiz may not be made up.

We will only have two tests this summer, a pre-test to be given this week and a post test, given during the last week of class.

Rules:

Students are required to follow the Detroit Public Schools Student Code of Conduct, classroom rules, and the Renaissance High School Dress Code. Students will not be allowed to enter/stay in the class if they do not adhere to the content of these documents. Students are required to wear ID card above the waist at all times.

Classroom Procedures:

- 1. Always follow directions and classroom/school procedures.
- 2. Be in your seat when the bell rings working on the Do Now if you are not, you may be marked absent.
- 3. A student may only leave the room at appropriate times with permission. If privileges are abused, permission will be withheld.
- 4. Class participation is important so you will be asked to participate in class.
- 5. Homework is due at the beginning of the hour. I will collect all homework within two minutes to the start of class.
- 6. LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. An assignment that is made up due to student absenteeism can only be so with an accompanied absence excuse. Make-up work must be submitted no later than one day after a student returns to class from an excused absence. With a copy of the absence note excuse attached.
- 7. Electronic devices must be turned off upon entering the classroom. After entry, **ANY** electronic device in use will be confiscated and turned over to administration at the teacher's earliest convenience. They must be retrieved from administration during a scheduled time.
- 8. Cheating is forbidden. If you are caught cheating on a quiz, test, and/or assignment, you will lose all credit on the task, and a pre-suspension hearing will be necessary.

Announcements

Please read the small announcement board EACH DAY upon entering the class. It often contains important information and deadlines for WHICH YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE. The announcement board will be in the front of the classroom by the side door.

Discipline Plan

If a student cannot follow the regulations set forth in this document, the following corrective actions will be executed:

- 1. Verbal warning / call home
- 2. Change student seating / call home.
- 3. Meeting with parents without suspension
- 4. Suspension and meeting with parents (this step repeats)
- 5. Any student participating in academic dishonesty will receive a zero on their assignment. Requirement for cheating – "If I say you are cheating, you are cheating."

Do what is best! Do what is right! Respect each other! Do not interfere with another person's right to an education!

Grading Procedure and Scale:

Grades in this class will be determined by the point calculation method. All assignments are worth a specified number of points. Your grade will be determine by the number of points you earned on each assignment divided by the total possible points.

Our course's grading scale is as follows:

A 100-90%

- B 89 80 %
- C 79-70%
- D 69-60%
- F below 59%

Grades may be rounded up (i.e., 79.5% = 80%). Depends on student's attitude and effort.

Topics:

Laboratory Equipment, Significant Figures, Scientific Notation, Dimensional Analysis, Scientific Method, and Density.

REMEMBER ALL OF YOUR CLASSES AND THE GRADES YOU ACHIEVE GO ON YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS. I WILL EXPECT NOTHING LESS THAN YOUR VERY BEST EFFORT AT **ALL** TIMES.

To the Parent:

I am available to you by progress reports, notes, phone calls, e-mails and visits (during my preparation periods only please). My email address is <u>kyle.jenks@detroitk12.org</u>. If you email me, please put your child's name in the subject box.

In closing, please encourage your child to maintain good study habits and mastery of the material covered in this extremely challenging course. I am confident in your child's ability to do well in this class. However, should the need arise, tutoring will be made available. I look forward to working with you and your child. Please note that whether or not the student or parent(s) / guardian(s) signs this syllabus, it is still in full effect as long as the student is enrolled in my class.

Educationally,

Mr. Kyle Jenks

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Please sign below that you have read the course outline. Turn this portion in by tomorrow and you will receive 10pts.

Class Hour _____

I have read and discussed this syllabus with my child, _____

Student Signature:	 Date:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	 Date:	

Parent's Cell

Parent's Work Number

Parent's Email Address