

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS  
COURSE INFORMATION SHEET  
Roosevelt Junior High School

TEACHER: Mr. Basey

COURSE TITLE: Life Science

TEXTBOOK: Focus on Life Science: Glencoe

**OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

3-ring binder with science section, pencil w/eraser, lined paper.  
Helpful materials include color pencils and a metric ruler.

**MAJOR UNITS OF INSTRUCTION:**

The Nature of Science: The scientific process

Cell Biology

Genetics

Structure and Function in Living Systems

Earth Science and Life History

The Theory of Evolution

I anticipate some changes being made this year as we begin moving  
toward the New Generation Science Standards

**GRADING/EVALUATION POLICY:**

**Types of evaluation and Weighted Value:**

Grades are awarded based on the total number of points earned.

Grades will be determined using four major categories-

Tests and Quizzes

Class Work /Projects

Homework

Participation and Cooperation

**Method of Grading and Scale:**

A- to A+ 90% to 100%

B- to B+ 80% to 89%

C- to C+ 70% to 79%

D- to D+ 60% to 69%

F Below 60%

**Extra Credit Policy:**

Extra credit is rarely given and will normally be outside the regular  
curriculum.

**Make-up Practices:** Students whose absence is excused shall be allowed two days for each day of absence to make up work. Responsibility for making up missed work lies with the student. Refer to the Student Conduct Code regarding make-up practices for other types of absences.

**Other:**

Students will not fail if all work is turned in and completed to the best  
of their ability.

**Homework Practices (including frequency)**

Weekly homework may include:

Completing class/lab assignments

Textbook reading assignments

Textbook questions

Science handouts

Projects

**Other:**

Parents can monitor their child's work by checking their science  
notebook on a weekly basis. Grades may be checked on Powerschool  
(check with the office if you need help with Powerschool).

Homework assignments can be found on the Roosevelt website.

Also, regular attendance is important.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Any test or assignment that a students may not keep following its return and review will be retained by the teacher for at least 9 weeks following the issuance of report cards.