

# Course Syllabus

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade General Science

**Apologia General Science** is designed to help students start their transition into the *ownership* and *independence* of middle school. We will start with discussing what exactly science is and then venturing along the science “timeline”...learning about some scientists who have significantly contributed to the field of science throughout history. We will briefly learn about many different disciplines of science: Astronomy, Chemistry, Biology, Earth Science, Marine Science, just to name a few! We will look at the beauty and wonder of God’s creation! The book is big, but written in a wonderful conversational tone.

Your student will learn note taking skills using the Student Notebook that accompanies the text. We will learn about and use the scientific method by doing experiments and write our findings up in a scientific format. We will also have the opportunity to “Explore More” as we look at the basics of some of the more common scientific concepts. This course is divided up into 2 halves and there will be a “mid-term” and a final exam.

### Texts:

- Book: Exploring Creation with General Science, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (Apologia)
- Exploring Creation with General Science Student Notebook (Apologia)

### Grading:

- Tests: 34%
- Quizzes/Lab Reports: 33%\*
- Homework: 33%\*

\*The lowest 2 Homework assignments and lowest Quiz/Lab Report will be dropped each semester, for a total of 3 dropped grades per semester. \*\*Extra credit will NOT be offered.

### Expectations:

**1. Assignment Sheets:** You must read the Assignment Sheet at the start of every week. Please read the Assignment Sheet AND the assignment in Canvas ***before*** you email with a question regarding an assignment. It is the quickest way for you to get the information that you need as the instructor may not be able to respond right away.

**2. Class Etiquette:** Please be kind! I promise, if you participate, class will be much more enjoyable and go much faster. 😊

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**3. Submitting Assignments:** You MUST submit your assignments through Canvas ONLY!

**4. Due Dates:** All due dates are listed on the Assignment Sheets located in the Announcements section. ALL assignments will close on their due date! Extension can be requested by a parent per the FPA Handbook. Extensions are granted at the principal and teacher's discretion.

**5. NO INTERNET USAGE!** – Internet usage is NOT permitted in this course. Answers from the internet will be given ZEROS and will be considered “cheating”. The internet is a blessing and full of useful information, but it is also full of conflicting information that might differ from our book. You are free to give ADDITIONAL information, but the answers for this class can be found in the approved textbook ONLY!