

6th - 8th Grade

Environmental Science Syllabus

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Welcome to Environmental Science! This course will consist of life science concepts that students can easily put into practice in and outside of school. Being a good steward of our environment is the main focus throughout this trimester class. Although most humans agree that living a GREEN life is beneficial to all, most admit to only doing the minimum. Recognizing that society and our environment are interrelated is key. We will touch on topics such as the importance of recycling, the power of plants, pollinators, being one with nature, shin-rin-yoku, and more. We have many hands-on learning experiences in this class that I can not wait to get started with YOU!

Recommended Materials: Bring these every day, so you have the best opportunity to be successful in this class!

1. **WRITING UTENSILS:** pencil and pen
2. **FOLDER** (with passes taped inside)
3. A **POSITIVE** attitude!

Class Website: roypride.weebly.com

Reference additional resources under the heading, "Seminar and Elective Class." Be sure to click or hover over Environmental Science Elective to utilize available resources.

Classroom Policies and Procedures

Entering Class

As you enter the classroom, sharpen your pencil (if necessary), and sit in your assigned seat. Follow the directions on the board or sit quietly and wait for instructions. If you enter the classroom after the bell rings, you will receive a tardy. Three, or more tardies, will result in a lunch detention.

Leaving Class

Classes are dismissed by the teacher only when materials are put away and reminders for the next day have been given. We always end with a positive mantra (PRIDE), "**P**anthers **R**acing" (teacher) "**I**n the **D**irection of **E**xcellence!" (students) Heading in a direction of excellence will benefit everyone here at our Middle School!

Hall Passes

Each student will be allowed 3 hall passes for this trimester. **Choose your exits wisely.** Unless you have an emergency, students may only leave the classroom during work time, (*not* during whole class discussion or activities) and only with teacher permission. Hall pass use is restricted to ensure that students are not missing important information while out of the classroom. This is an important procedure for me, as your presence in class is **CRITICAL** to your success. Leaving often will only cause confusion as you will miss important learning time. If you are a student who needs to leave the room more frequently because of medical conditions, please have your parent/guardian email me (roy@dewittschools.net) and notify the school to have this information included in the school's confidential health report.

Infinite Campus

Grades will be available for families online, via Infinite Campus. A good weekly responsibility for your student is to check their updated grades and show his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) the computer screen right then and there. When parents and students are aware of academic standings, there are no surprises.

Our grading scale is as follows:

A	93-100%	C	73-76%
A-	90-92%	C-	70-72%
B+	87-89%	D+	67-69%
B	83%-86%	D	63-66%
B-	80-82%	D-	60-62%
C+	77-79%	E	59% and below

Projects for this trimester:

***Earth Friendly, Service Learning, Habits** (with small groups)

- Paper Gator Recycling for all of DMS
- Number 1 & 2 Plastic Recycling for all of DMS
- Recycling Cardboard for all of DMS
- Organize Hallway Recycling Stations
- Aluminum Tab Recycling
- Batteries Recycling

***2 Upcycled Projects** (solo)

***Environmental Project** (with a partner)

***Guest Speaker** (with small groups) - IF / WHEN adults can visit our building safely, again

***Written Responses / Feedback** for a wide variety of presentations: students will also be asked to write key ideas learned from various presentations

In the spirit of saving trees, paper, and energy . . . if you have online access, please go to <http://roypride.weebly.com>, hover over the top tab called Seminar and Elective Class, scroll down to Environmental Science Elective to find our syllabus. Accessing this information serves to refresh your memory. For those students/families that do not have regular online access, please keep this hard copy for your reference.

Thank you for partnering with our staff to help make DeWitt Middle School a great place for learning!

Mrs. Roy

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Trimester (circle one): 1 2 3

Student's Name: _____
(last name) (first name)

Parent/Guardian Name:

Name(s): _____
(first and last name) (first and last name)

I have read and understand Mrs. Roy's Environmental Science syllabus on classroom policies, procedures, and expectations.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Parents: Is there any information you would like to share with me about your student?

Students: Is there anything that you would like me to know about you?

