**Mrs. Keating’s 7th Grade Science Classroom Contract**

***This contract establishes the rules, policies, and procedures conducted in Mrs. Keating’s classroom. Signing the contract establishes an understanding of the students expected behavior in the classroom. Breaking the contract, in any way, will lead to disciplinary actions.***

# ***RULES & POLICIES***

You are expected to follow all rules as outlined in the student agenda as well as the classroom rules below.

1. **Be on time!**
	* **You are considered tardy if you are not in your assigned seat when the tardy bell rings. (Refer to agenda for tardy policies/consequences).**
2. **Keep your hands, feet, and other objects to yourself. “If it’s not your own, leave it alone.”**
	* + **Respect the property & space of others.**
3. **Come to class prepared. “Class is rough without your stuff!”**
	* + - **Bring your homework, binder, agenda, paper, & pencils everyday.**
			- **Homework needs to be ready to turn in before coming to class. Homework needs to be turned in to the correct period tray at the beginning of class.**
4. **Follow directions the first time they are given.**
	* + - * **Pay attention.**
				* **Listen effectively.**
5. **Remain in your seat at all times.**

**Obtain permission prior to leaving your seat.**

**Trash is to be kept at your seat until the end of class.**

1. **Raise your hand & wait to be called on before speaking.**

### *PROCEDURES/ROUTINES*

Below are some of the procedures & routines we will use in our class throughout the year. It may take a few days to learn how we do things in our class, but soon they will become routine.

**Entering the Room:**

Enter the room quietly and use the time before the tardy bell to prepare materials for class (ex. sharpening pencils). There is a student work zone that includes supplies for you to use before class starts, but put them back nice & neat. All talking and moving about should stop when the tardy bell rings.

**Leaving the Classroom:**

You are expected to take care of any personal needs between classes.

 \*\*Emergency situations will be dealt with on an individual basis.\*\*

**When Absent:**

If you are absent for any reason, go to my website to see what tasks you missed. Upon returning from an absence, you can obtain handouts from me or print them from the website. It is **YOUR** responsibility to complete the work upon returning to school. If absences are known ahead of time, some work can be sent home prior to absences. A 2-day notice will be required in order to receive some assignments ahead of time!

**Your Notebooks/Folders:**

You will need 5 folders and 5 notebooks for this class, 1 per unit. Keep loose-leaf paper in your folders. All folders and notebooks will be turned in at the end of each unit. These will be used for the North Carolina Final Exam (NCFE) Review.

**Grading Scale:**

 A = 90% - 100%

 B = 80% - 89%

 C = 70% - 79%

 D = 60% - 69%

 F = 59% and below

* **Classwork & Homework**

Classwork is expected to be finished in class. If additional time is needed, it may be finished at home and turned in the next day. Late work will be accepted for a maximum grade of 50%. When turning in late work, a missing assignment form must be completed, signed, and attach in order to receive credit. Labs are to be completed in class. If additional time is needed, it may be finished at home and turned in the next day. Labs that are turned in late will receive a maximum grade of 50%.

* **Tests/Quizzes/Projects**

Tests, quizzes & projects will be announced verbally, posted visibly in the classroom, posted electronically on my website, and available via Remind. Students will have the opportunity to retest if they receive a score below a 70%. Students must complete a Request to Retest Form and complete test reflections. The form must be signed by the parent and turned in. Students have 1 week to complete the form and to take the retest. The maximum grade for a retest is 70%. Projects will count as an assessment. Projects can be turned in 1 day late for a maximum grade of 70% or 2 days late for a maximum grade of 60%. Projects turned in after 2 days will receive a maximum grade of 50%. No late group projects will be accepted. Projects will generally be announced 1-2 weeks in advance to allow time for preparation. Quizzes are generally announced 3-5 days in advance. Students will not receive an opportunity to retake a quiz or to do quiz corrections.

**At the End of Class:**

* I will dismiss class when the bell rings.
* Exit the room quietly and orderly.
* You are expected to clean around your desk before leaving.
* During labs/activities, be sure all equipment is put away neatly. It is very important that lab materials be in the appropriate location for the next class.

**Communication/Contact Information:**

* Check my website daily to stay in touch with what is happening in class! dkeatingscience.weebly.com
* Subscribe to Remind for this class - Text: @sci2306 to 81010
	+ Parents & students should both subscribe ☺
* Email me – dkeating@wcpss.net

I am very excited about working with you and your child and I strongly encourage you to please contact me with any questions, comments or concerns you may have. Thank you and keep in touch!

Mrs. Destra Keating - 7th Grade Science Teacher & Zebra Team Leader

**Complete and return to Mrs. Keating!!**

*I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have read and agree to conduct my behavior according to the rules, policies, and procedures required in Mrs. Keating’s classroom****.***

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**Student’s Name (Print)**

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**Student’s Signature Date**

*Dear Parents (Guardian),*

 *I am asking that you read the above contract pertaining to the rules, policies, and procedures in the classroom. Signing below will acknowledge that you read and understood the contract. It is very important that we are in agreement with the behavior of your child in the classroom. I appreciate all of the support and care you put in your child’s education. This contract will help lead to a very successful year!!!!!*

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**Parent’s Name (Print)**

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**(Parent’s Signature)(Date)**