

Special Education Syllabus

Resource Room 903

Hello! My name is Sharon Johnson. I am one of the Special Education teachers/service coordinators here at Sunrise Elementary School.

I am excited for the new school year at Sunrise. I look forward to seeing you all.

Parents you can visit these sites for campus information:

Social Media

You can follow Sunrise Elementary School on:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DVUSDSunriseElementary/>

Instagram: sunriselions_dvUSD

Helpful Websites for your students:

Math: Zearn.com

Typing Skills: Typingclub.com

Khan Academy

Nitrotype

Reading: Epic Books

Homework:

Read for 20 minutes every day

Your child's classroom teacher may give other assignments

Class Expectations:

PAWS is our school-wide expectation system.

P- Practicing Respect

A- Accepting Responsibility

W-Working Together

S- Safety Matters

I encourage PAWS expectations and will teach expectations during lessons to ensure that students understand how to be successful.

We will also be using ZONES of Regulation this year. This curriculum is designed to foster self-regulation and emotional control.

About Ms. Johnson

I have a Masters in Elementary Education K8/Special Education K12. I grew up in New Jersey and came to Arizona at the end of 1997. I love to be creative and watch movies on the weekend.

Communication:

Check out the Sunrise Website- under the Staff Websites tab you can find Peek of the Month information.

I welcome any questions and/or concerns.

I can be reached by:

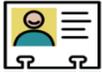
Email: sharon.johnson@dvusd.org

Here are some reminders for you on our school campus



Medication

Although it is recommended that medication be given at home, we understand that it is not always possible to do so. In this case, parents must obtain a medication form from the school nurse and have it completed by your child's physician. Also, medication must be in the original bottle from the pharmacy.



Visitors

All visitors must check in through the office.



Attendance

When your child is absent, please call in to the office.



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Academic Integrity Statement

To be college-, career-, and community-ready, students in the Deer Valley Unified School District are expected to demonstrate academic integrity. Academic integrity is all about being honest and fair in your schoolwork. It means doing work that is entirely your own and giving credit to others (including generative Artificial Intelligence tools) through proper citation when you use their ideas or words.

If you have questions about the guidelines for academic integrity, you should discuss them with your teacher.

Academic Dishonesty Statement

Academic dishonesty refers to any action that compromises the integrity of academic work or evaluation processes. This includes but is not limited to:

- Copying or stealing another person's work or data (plagiarism);
- Allowing another person to copy one's work;
- Doing another person's classwork;
- Creating more than one copy of one's work for distribution;
- Providing another person with the answers on tests or quizzes;
- Noncompliance with teachers' test-taking procedures;
- Unauthorized copying or development of software; and
- Unauthorized use of generative Artificial Intelligence.

Consequences for instances of academic dishonesty range from a conference and loss of credit (student will be given another opportunity to show mastery of learning) up to a 5-day suspension and loss of credit.

Artificial Intelligence

In the Deer Valley Unified School District, we are committed to providing our students with the best possible education while ensuring their safety, privacy, and well-being. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance learning experiences, teachers may incorporate generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the classroom for students.

Students must adhere to the specific guidelines provided in the assignment details. If no guidance around the use of generative AI is provided, students should follow the “restrictive” level (see chart). Teachers should direct students to contact their teacher before submitting classwork if the student is unsure if the tool or website they are using is permitted on a specific assignment.

AI Use Traffic Light	Level	Description	Example Instruction
	Restrictive No!	AI tools are prohibited for the assignment, and all work must be the student's original creation.	"Do not use AI tools for this assignment. All content must be original, and any use of AI will be treated as plagiarism."
	Moderate Whoa!	Students can use teacher-approved AI tools from the district list for specific parts of their assignments, such as brainstorming or initial research, but the core content and conclusions should be original. Proper citation is required for any AI-generated content.	"You can employ AI tools to assist brainstorming or initial research, however, the main content, arguments, and conclusions should be your own."
	Permissive Go!	Students can utilize district-approved AI tools to assist in their assignments, such as generating ideas, proofreading, or organizing content. Proper citation is required for any AI-generated content.	"You may use AI tools as you see fit to enhance your assignment and demonstrate your understanding of the topic."

Grade Scales (include the appropriate grade scales)

3-12 Grade Scale

Students in 3rd through 12th grades will receive marks for their proficiency toward the grade level standards using the following scale.

- 4 = Highly Proficient
- 3 = Proficient
- 2 = Partially Proficient

1 = Minimally Proficient

Students in 3rd through 12th grades will receive marks for their overall performance in each course of study using the following letter grade scale.

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = 0-59%

Grades of “D” and above are passing marks. A course grade of “F” indicates that the student has failed the course.

Categories (1st-12th Grades Only)

All grade entries in the gradebook will be attributed to one of the following categories.

ASSESSMENT: This category includes all items used to measure a student’s proficiency toward the learning standards once the student has had sufficient practice and at a specified point in time. This category can include summative tests, performance assessments, reports, unit or module assessments, quizzes, long-term projects, short-term projects, presentations, capstone projects, research papers, and lab reports.

COURSEWORK: This category includes formative work that provides students with the opportunity to learn content and skills and to receive feedback on their learning. Coursework is assigned to provide meaningful, independent practice, reinforce learning targets, and extend learning. This category can include in-class assignments, exit tickets, checks-for-understanding, and daily activities.

PRACTICE: This category includes formative student work that a student completes while in the process of learning specific skills. Student work that is done inside and outside of the classroom, such as classwork and homework, falls into this category.

Category Weights (3rd-12th Grades Only)

Each category will be weighted as follows:

ASSESSMENT CATEGORY	80%
COURSEWORK CATEGORY	20%
PRACTICE CATEGORY	0%

Missing Work (3rd-12th grades)

An assignment is considered missing work when it is not submitted by the due date.

Missing work will be treated as such:

- The assignment will be marked with the “Missing” special code in the gradebook
- A zero (“0”) will be entered as the score for the assignment in the gradebook
- No Evidence (NE) will be entered for the standards attached to the assignment

Late Work

An assignment is considered late work when the assignment is not submitted by the due date that was established but is submitted within the parameters listed below.

For **Late Work** to be accepted, students must meet the following parameters:

- Assignment is not due within the class period
- Assignment is not a timed activity (such as a Quick-Write Essay)
- Assignment is not a Long-Term assignment (over multiple weeks)
- Assignment is turned in within the following time frame

3-8 Grades: Within 5 school days after the end of the unit

Reassessment

Retakes are allowed for assessments for full credit, if reperformance opportunities (another assessment on the same learning target later in the marking period as part of the instructional cycle) will not be available during the marking period or in addition to reperformance opportunities during the marking period.

To earn a retake opportunity, a student must complete all of the following:

- Complete all formative coursework related to the content/skill assessed
- Consult with the teacher
- *Submit a reassessment plan or application, if required by the teacher*

A reassessment plan must be scheduled within the following time frames:

- **3rd-8th Grades:** Within 10 school days of receiving the assessment score