Sinaloa Middle School
The Ronald Reagan
Academy of Communication & Leadership
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COURSE TITLE: IM Science 6
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I. Course Standards/Objectives:

In the first semester, 6th-grade science examines:

- Land, Water, and Human Interactions
- Energy

During the second semester, we will study:

- Weather and Climate
- Body Systems
- From Cells to Organisms
- Traits, Genes, and Genetic Reproduction

These topics are conducted hands-on, connecting natural phenomena to classroom lessons, activities, and observations.

II. Classroom Management and Expectations:

- Communicate your needs.
- Students should be in their seats and prepared for class with all of the materials they need ready to learn when the tardy bell rings. Students not in their seats when the bell rings will be marked tardy. Excessive tardiness will result in decreased citizenship grades.
- Students should expect to participate and conduct themselves maturely, academically, and respectfully towards each other, the teachers, paraprofessionals, the classroom, and materials/equipment.
- There is no eating or drinking (other than a closed container of water) in this classroom. This includes gum and candy.
- There is no application of cosmetics, including chapstick/lip gloss, for safety reasons.
- Cell Phones and earbuds are prohibited and should never be seen in this classroom without permission.
- Hats and hoods should be removed when entering the classroom.
- During the 6th grade year, students should work to establish positive academic habits and work on any areas where they struggle, so they are ready to tackle the challenges of middle school.
- Bathroom passes are limited to one student at a time; please keep this in mind, and be considerate of each other's needs.

- No backpacks or large bags in class; please put them in your locker before class.

III. Grades and Grading:

- Grades are not weighted in this class; it is purely a point system. Each assignment, whether classwork/homework, labs, projects, or assessments, will be worth a certain point value and added to the total points possible.
- Late work will not be accepted after 2:59 PM on the day it is due. Additional time will be allowed for absences and IEPs. Communicate your needs.
- Grades range from:100-90%=A, 89-80%=B, 79-70%=C, 69-60%=D, and 59-0%=F
- Grades are always available on Aeries and should be checked regularly for updates.

IV. Cheating, Plagiarism, and Honesty Policy

- Cheating deprives students of the opportunity to learn.
- If a student turns in work that they did not personally create, such as if they used ChatGPT, OpenAI, or similar resources, and just copied and pasted instead, this will result in a ZERO on the assignment or test and no chance to retake or make it up.
- In the case of copying, all students (those who copy and those who share) will receive zero points on the assignment.
- Cheating will also drop citizenship and work habit grades and may result in disciplinary action.

V. Communication:

- The best way to communicate with me is via email.
- I check my email regularly during the school day hours and will get back to you as soon as possible.
- If you would like to schedule a phone call or in-person meeting, please email me, and we can set one up.
- If you have a question or concern, please reach out.
- If I have a question or concern, I will reach out to you.
- An open line of communication creates a strong team environment for student success.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read through these policies with my student.

Student Name(print):_____

Parent/Guardian Name(print):_____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____