Sinaloa Middle School
The Ronald Reagan
Academy of Communication & Leadership
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COURSE TITLE: Science 7
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I. Course Standards/Objectives:

In the first semester, 7th-grade science examines:

- Ecology
- Geological Processes

During the second semester, we will study:

- Chemistry of Materials
- Chemical Reactions

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

II. Classroom Management and Expectations:

- Please 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 and possible administrative consequences, i.e., detention or Saturday school.
- Students should expect to participate and conduct themselves maturely, academically, and respectfully towards each other, the teacher, paraprofessionals, the classroom, and with the materials/equipment.
- There is no eating or drinking (other than water in a reclosable container) in this classroom. This includes gum, candy, and mints.
- There is no application of cosmetics, including chapstick/lip gloss.
- Cell Phones and earbuds are prohibited and should never be seen in this classroom without permission.
- Hoods should be removed when entering the classroom.
- During the 7th-grade year, students should work to establish positive academic habits and identify and focus 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 3:00 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, ≤59%=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, or just copied another student's work, **this will result in a ZERO on the assignment or test**.
- 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 throughout the school day 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 something up, or contact the front office.
- If you have a question or concern, please reach out.
- Open lines of communication help to create a strong team environment where students can learn and be successful.

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

Student Name:_____

Parent/Guardian Name:_____

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____