

6th Grade Health

Course Syllabus

Mrs. Simpson

Course Overview

Welcome to health class! Health is defined as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being. It includes a lot more than just being free of sickness and disease. Throughout this class we will explore information that will give you the tools to make educated decisions for a healthier life now and in the future.

What You Will Need EVERY DAY

- ~ Folder to keep handouts and corrected assignments
- ~ Old used notebook with a handful of pieces left in it (reduce, reuse, recycle ;-)
or loose-leaf paper in a binder
- ~ Writing Utensil – dark colored pen (cannot be a form of red) and/or pencil to write with
- ~ Correcting PEN – Any form of red (orange, red, maroon, pink etc.)
- ~ STI set up and accessible
- ~ Planners to record assignments (because there is not a ton homework in health class and I only see you every other day it sometimes gets forgotten)

Attendance Policy

BE ON TIME! As with any class, you are expected to be to class on time. That means in your seat with your materials out and ready to learn. If you are late, you are expected to have a signed pass from a teacher, principal, or office employee. See handbook for tardy rules.

If you are absent from class, it will be **YOUR** responsibility to get any missing notes, handouts and/or assignments. Feel free to email me for notes or worksheets. Check STI as I try to remain current with a short description and if possible will attach assignments. I will also be using my website ofsimpsonclassroom.weebly.com to attach notes and assignments. According to school policy, you will have the number of days absent, plus one, to turn in all make-up work for excused absences only. If you are absent on the day before a long-term assignment's assigned due date, the assignment is still due that day. If you are absent the day before a test that you knew was happening you may still have to take the test. If you are excused absent the day of a test you will be expected to take it in a timely manner when you return. All excused absence make-up days can be adjusted with my discretion.

Email me at any time Tsimpson@ofsd.k12 If you do not receive a response within an hour or two, send again. I get school email forwarded to my phone so I check email often.

Assignments

Stay on top of your assignments. Do not let one late assignment turn into two, or three, or four. Get your work done on time. If there is an extreme circumstance where you could not get your assignment done on time, please see me **BEFORE** school and we will figure out a solution (do not abuse this rule...you may need it in the future). If you run in 5 minutes before your class claiming you did not have time to finish your assignment, I will assume you forgot and probably wont accept a late assignment for full points .

Keep all old graded assignments until the end of the quarter. They end up making a great study guides for tests.

Grading Scale

I will be weighting grades this year. Formative assessments (these are things like quizzes and homework assignments) will count for 33% of the total grade. Summative assessments (tests and large projects) will count for 66% of your grade.

A	92-100	B+	88-89	C+	78-79	D+	68-69
A-	90-91	B	82-87	C	72-77	D	62-67
		B-	80-81	C-	70-71	D-	60-61
						F	59 and below

NOTICE: I do not round grades up by percentage points (i.e. 89.99999 is still NOT an A- it is a B+)

Other Things to Keep in Mind

Please be respectful to others in the class. In 6th grade we cover mental and emotional health including depression, alcohol, tobacco and other important topics. These topics may be very personal to students in the class. Inappropriate comments and actions cannot be tolerated. It is important that everyone feels comfortable with each other in order for maximum learning to occur.

Cell phones should not be used during class. This **INCLUDES** work time. See cell phone policy in handbook.

Models and lab materials **ARE** expensive and should be handled with care.

Food and beverages are not allowed in the classroom unless its part of a class activity. Water is OK (and actually encouraged). This includes **NO GUM!**

Do not sit on the tables and keep all 4 legs of the chairs on the ground at all times.

See me if you are having any trouble understanding the material. I am very willing to help.