Dear Parents,

My name is Amanda Slezak, and I am your student's science teacher. This year, I am teaching biology, chemistry, anatomy & physiology, and a section of online learning. It is a privilege for me to teach your student, and I am looking forward to a successful year. Below you will find my policies and expectations. Finally, I would like to share that as an entire school, we will be focusing on improving three areas of student behavior, which include: student language, student insubordination, and student respect.

**Expectations for Mrs. Slezak’s Science Classes:**

1. Allow others to learn! Interfering with the learning environment will result in consequences, including warnings, lunch detentions, parent contacts, and office referrals.

2. Follow the rules in the student handbook and the lab rules.

3. Respect each other, the teacher, your surroundings, and yourself.

**Guidelines for Success:**

1. Be Active- take an active role in the learning process, in group work, and participate!

2. Be Motivated- take pride in what you do and what you turn in!

3. Be Positive-attitude is vital to your success as a student!

4. Be Respectful- treat others as you would want to be treated!

5. Be Responsible- for yourself, your assignments, and your grade!

6. Be Timely- come to class on time and turn things in on time!

**Long Term Goals:**

1. All students will become active problem solvers.

2. All students will learn to apply scientific concepts to the real world.

3. All students will understand and model respect.

4. All students will question and inquire to understand the natural world.

5. All students will learn to seek information independently.

**Late Work:**

Assignments that are turned in late will be accepted, however, the maximum you will receive is 50% of the credit, unless you pre-arranged something with me. Late work will be accepted until the last week of the semester before midterms and finals.

**Make-Up Work:**

Ask for your make-up work! Missed labs will only be excused if you have an excused absence. See the student handbook for the policy on unexcused absences.

**Grades:**

The grading scale will be the same as in the student handbook.

Your grades will be based on the following items:

20 % Class work: This includes quizzes, labs, and daily assignments

60% Assessments: This includes tests and major projects.

20 % Final Exam: This includes the midterm first semester and the final exam second semester.

Students have the option to retake tests, but they will be required to complete the study guide and have their notes completely filled out in order to take advantage of the retake. The retake will be averaged with the first test score. Students have one week from the day tests are returned to retake the test.

You may contact me with any questions through email at aslezak@vcs-k12.net or by calling 268-5343 ext. 2145. I will be posting classroom weekly schedules, notes, and important documents on my website: aslezak@weebly.com

Sincerely,

Amanda Slezak

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I have read the above statements. Signing and returning by Friday, September 11th will earn your student 10 points for one of his or her first assignments. An email from a parent can count as an electronic signature, please include your student’s name in the email.

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