2025-26 Research Class - Syllabus

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Research Class – National Science Olympiad Rules by Division B and C (Rules will be available after 9/2/25)

Grading Policy: All grades will be based on a percentage system. Forty percent (40%) will be earned on major tests, thirty percent (30%) on quizzes, projects and labs, twenty percent (20%) on class work, participation and class work evaluations, and ten percent (10%) on homework.
Students will obtain these grades on average per one quarter:

- ***Participation Grade***: attending the invitational, regionals, states, and National
- ***Quiz Grade***: attending in Regionals and States
- ***Test Grade***: medaling in the event (any level), attending Nationals
- ***Absences***: if student is absent from any level of the competition it will result in a grade "Z"
- Grading Scale: 90 – 100 = A, 80 – 89 = B, 70 – 79 = C, 60 – 69 = D, 0 – 59 = F

Tests/Quizzes/Classroom Evaluation:

- **Placement Test/quiz -** Generally once per week. Pop quizzes are not announced.
- **Classroom Evaluation** - Throughout the quarter students will be evaluated for class participation and involvement. Examples of activities that will be taken into consideration: discussion participation, oral/written response, on time completion of laboratories, and projects.
- **Placement tests – event assignments are based on the MERIT**

Teacher/Student/Parent Communication:

- Teacher – Student communication is done via email or in person in class
- Teacher – Parent communication is done via school email: jana.caban@archimedrean.org
- To schedule parent-teacher conference please email the request to the above-mentioned school email

Homework

- HW posts can be found in multiple places – Archie, Archie Resources, student email, textbook, and/or a physical handout
- Study for exams, research events, **prepare for the competitions**
- Watch all assigned videos, and/or short movies, read all additional reading materials assigned

Make up: In keeping with the school's guidelines as well as M-DCPS guidelines,

- Students with ***unexcused/excused absences will*** be provided with make-up work, **unless decided otherwise by a teacher.**
- If a student is **absent, it is his/her responsibility** to obtain any assignments missed while absent. Students are expected to consult missed assignments with their classmates first in order to complete the work that they are missing.
- **Late work, past five (5) days, is not accepted. Once homework is late an increment of ten (10) points is deducted from the grade, after the homework is graded for the correctness.**
- Missed exams must be taken within the time allowed no longer **than five (5) days**. Prior arrangement is required.

Course Expectations – Competition Preparation

Students are expected to be in their seats, ready to begin the class before the bell rings. Students are expected to have required course materials for each class, no exceptions.

The student is responsible for the following:

- Completing all homework/research assignments, turn in all work assigned by the due dates
- Ask for assistance when needed from parent and/or instructor
- Studying the content of information daily
- Each student **MUST create Google Docs** with the event(s) assigned to and **SHARE** with the coach
- Students are expected to write and summarize their research in the composition books, take notes, and organize their reference sheets and binders

Consequences for not Meeting Classroom Expectations

- 1st Consequence – Verbal warning
- 2nd Consequence – Parent contact (phone call or e-mail)
- 3rd Consequence – Referral to the administration

Depending on the severity of the classroom disruption or behavior, the teacher may bypass the order of consequences listed above.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Three qualifying competitions:

- **Regionals:** Saturday, February 28th, 2025 at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton
- **States: Saturday March or April TBA University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**
- **Nationals: University of Southern California in Los Angeles on May 22-23, 2026**

We must qualify for states through the regional competition, and for nationals through the state competition!

We will also compete in multiple Invitationals which are virtual (Location – AUC school).

1. **Georgia Scrimmage Invitational – October 11 – 18th, 2025**
2. **LASA Invitationals – October 19th- 31st, 2025 (ONLY two teams)**
3. **Rickards Invitational – November 1 – 8th, 2025**
4. **Mason Invitational – November 15th – 23rd, 2025 (ONLY two teams)**
5. **Boyceville Invitational – December 1 – 6th, 2025**
6. **Archimedean Invitational – December 8 – 13th, 2025 (Div. B only)**

- ***ONE Travel Invitational***
  1. ***MIT* – January 24th, 2026, or**
  2. ***Harvard* – January 31st to February 1st, 2026**

READ entire document carefully, note the important dates and then, PRINT, and SIGN ONLY this page (bring hard copy to class) – Homework Grade will be awarded, Due Date is on Archie.

Mother/Guardian Name:	**Phone Number:**	**Email address:**
Father/Guardian Name:	**Phone Number:**	**Email address:**
Student Information	**N/A**	**Email address:**

My child and I have read and understand the course expectations for Mrs. Caban-Klepacova's Research course (Science Olympiad) for 2025-26 at Archimedean Middle/Upper Conservatory. I have her contact information and will contact her with any questions or concerns that I may have.

PRINT Name of Student:
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Signature of Student:
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PRINT Name of Parent/Guardian:
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Signature of Parent/Guardian:
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Please fill out the contact information below as neatly as possible so Mrs. Caban-Klepacova can contact you!