

My name is Jessica Patterson. As your child's 6th grade science teacher I am looking forward to getting to know both you and your child as we navigate through the coming year together. My goals as your child's teacher is to nurture them to become a confident learner and advocate for their learning. I will also do my best to make this year as positive of an experience as possible for all involved. Teamwork, cooperation, and communication will be essential in having a successful year.

To start our lines of communication, you will find a Science 6 Syllabus and Student Safety Contract attached to this letter.

Science 6 Syllabus: This should be kept by students in their Science folder to reference as needed. Please go over this with your child.

Safety Contract: This will need to be signed and returned to me before students may participate in lab activities in class.

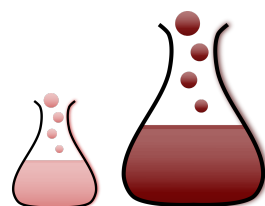
I have posted these files, along with this letter (to access the link below) in Managebac, under the "Files" in a folder titled, "Admin Docs".

Finally, visit <https://forms.gle/owoePe4LxQTenoUA> to complete a brief Student/ Parent Contract. **The completed contract serves as your acknowledgement of receiving this information.**

I am looking forward to an exciting year!

Ms. Jessica Patterson

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Staying Connected: Online Reference Sheet

The following resources will be used on a regular basis. Students can (**SHOULD BE ABLE TO**) log in to each of these sites with their HCDE email. Links will also be provided when possible.

1. **Managebac** (<https://signalmtn.managebac.com/login>) This is the Learning Management System used by all IB schools. All assignments are posted on the calendar, and students will also submit the majority of their work here. It is imperative that students familiarize themselves with Managebac.
2. **PowerSchool** (<https://powerschool.hcde.org/public/home.html>) I cross-reference assignments from Managebac with those listed in PowerSchool. This helps students better keep track of upcoming and/ or missed assignments. PowerSchool is updated on a weekly basis. It is important that STUDENTS are checking PowerSchool a minimum of two times per week.
3. **HCDE email** (<https://www.google.com/gmail/>) Students need to get in the habit of checking their email regularly.
4. **Remind 101** (<https://www.remind.com/join/jp06>). I encourage both students and parents to sign up for reminders sent via Remind. I use this frequently for various events and assignments..