

SYLLABUS

Biology

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Rm: C217

Course Description: This is a course emphasizing process skills relating to the nature of biology, biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, evolution, classification, a survey of kingdoms, and life processes within the various kingdoms.

Textbook: Biology by Miller & Levine; Prentice Hall

Materials: Composition notebook & Pocket Folder

Units to be Studied:

(1 st Semester)		(2 nd Semester)	
Unit 1 Nature of Life	Ch. 1 – 2	Unit 7 Plants	Ch. 22 - 25
Unit 2 Ecology	Ch. 3 – 6	Unit 6 Microorganisms	Ch. 19 - 21
Unit 3 Cell Biology	Ch. 7 – 10	Unit 10 Human Body	Ch. 35 - 40
Unit 4 Genetics	Ch. 11 – 14	Unit 8 Invertebrates	Ch. 26 - 27
Unit 5 Evolution	Ch. 15 – 18	Unit 9 Vertebrates	Ch. 30 - 32

Tardies: 3 unexcused tardies will result in 1 unexcused absence.

Missing Assignments: The student is responsible for any work missed. It is the student's responsibility to check with the teacher when he/she returns to obtain the work missed. Work must be made up within the allotted time for make-up work. If an assignment was given before the absence, the student will be prepared for that assignment on the day the student returns. For example, if you were told on Monday that there will be a test on Friday and you are absent on Thursday, you are expected to take the test on the day in which you return.

Prayer: Everyone will stand for the Prayer at the beginning of class.

Help: Please don't wait until the day before the test to come in for help, come in as soon as you realize that you need assistance.

Grading: Grading is based on a point system. To calculate your average, find the percentage for each category (points earned divided by points possible) then multiply the percentage by the respective weight and then add those numbers together.

TESTS 50% (SOME TESTS ARE PERFORMANCE AND WRITTEN)

DAILY ASSIGNMENTS 10%

LABS 25%

QUIZZES 15%

The following scale will determine your letter grade:

A = 90 – 100

B = 80 – 89

C = 70 – 79

D = 60 – 69

F = 0 – 59

Rules for the Classroom:

1. Be on time for class, tardiness will result in after school detention.
2. No food or drink in the classroom.
3. Rude behavior is unacceptable and will be dealt with promptly.
4. Read and follow all directions.
5. Cheating of any kind evokes an automatic zero and a phone call home.

Rules for the Lab:

1. No horseplay in lab and No unauthorized experiments. **DO NOT TOUCH LAB EQUIPMENT UNTIL TOLD TO DO SO.**
2. Report all lab accidents to the teacher immediately.
3. Leave you lab area clean and return equipment as told by the teacher.
4. Do not throw anything in the sink; they are not garbage cans.
5. If you are unsure **always ask the teacher before you do anything.**

Violation of the rules above will result in a warning, parent conference, or a possible referral to an administrator. The consequence will be based on the severity of the infraction.

Student

Parent

*******PLEASE KEEP THE SYLLABUS IN YOUR CLASS FOLDER. *******