



2023-2024 COURSE SYLLABUS

Life Science

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COURSE FOCUS: This is a course that is required for graduation from high school.

Biology: "bio-" = life and "-ology" = study of -- In other words, biology is a branch of knowledge that deals with living organisms and vital processes. Themes that we will be studying in this course include scientific skills, the nature of life, ecology, ecosystems, biospheres, cell structure and function, and genetics. Biology is an exciting and rapidly growing field of study. If at any time you have any questions, concerns or just plain curiosities, please do not hesitate to ask. I hope you are up for a challenge, because this class will not be easy. You will be pushed to excel and held accountable for your actions (or lack thereof). I will do my best to keep you challenged; it is up to you to keep your grades up by giving this course your best effort.

COURSE GOALS:

Upon Completion Of This Course, students will be able to:

- Understand scientific procedure
- Explain cell theory, basic cell structure, describe prokaryotes and eukaryotes and describe the main functions of individual parts of cells.
- Explain photosynthesis and the roll of cellular activity in plants.
- Explain the principle of dominance according the Mendel's work with inheritance in peas.
- Explain, describe, and name the systems of the human body

REQUIREMENTS:

Textbook(s): ONLINE ACCESS TO BOOKS IS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE

YOU MUST BRING YOUR CHROMEBOOK TO CLASS DAILY

Biology – Prentice Hall (online version) & Supplemental Classroom Slides, Google Forms (Classwork, quizzes / tests) and supplemental reading and other materials

GRADING POLICY:

I utilize Infinite Campus and Google Classroom to updates your grades online on a regular basis, however it is your responsibility to retain all returned work. Only by keeping your returned work can unintentional mistakes be corrected. All materials are online and will remain available to you throughout the year to help with mid-terms and finals.

Participation, classwork and homework	50%
Quizzes & Tests	25%
Labs	25%



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Participation

Participation means you are actively engaged and taking part in all activities during class. You participate in question and answer sessions as well as asking questions for clarification.

Classwork/Homework

I do not assign homework on a regular basis however, any work you do not complete in class while we are working on it becomes homework for you. You are expected to complete all assignments during class time and work is scheduled to allow you to do so as long as you are actively working during class time.

Lab Participation and Lab Reports:

Labs will be assigned on specific dates and will need to be completed by the due date. Extended time is built in so there should be no reason you cannot finish on time. There are no makeup lab days. If you are absent during a lab, you will be given a reading/Q&A assignment to complete covering similar materials you would have learned during the lab. It is your responsibility to complete makeup work.

Absence/Make-up Policy:

It is your responsibility to complete the work you have missed. You will need to make an appointment with me if you need help outside of school hours. I am happy to help you but you need to be responsible and make up work you have missed.

Cell Phones:

There will be times when you will be using your cell phone in class HOWEVER... for the majority of the time, you will be asked to keep your cell phones off your desk/table tops at all times. Should you have your phone out when you are not supposed to be using it, you will be asked to give it to the teacher or paraprofessional for the remainder of the period. We will ask one time only. If you refuse to give the phone up, you will receive a referral for having your phone out as well as refusing to follow directions and refusing to comply with an adult's request during class. **CELL PHONES ARE NEVER TO BE OUT**

Food /Drinks in class:

You may drink water only during class. No open cups, bottles, cans are allowed at the tables at any time. If you need a drink of water, you can get it from the back-counter jug using a cup back there.

Food is never allowed in class per the principal and school rules. If you need to eat a snack, you can ask if you can step outside to do it. **THIS WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED IF YOU ARE CAUGHT UP ON YOUR WORK AND NOT MESSING ABOUT DURING CLASS.** You really need to eat snacks during passing period.

Bathroom Pass:

There is only ONE bathroom pass. Only one student at a time can use it. You have 5 minutes to use the facilities as other students may be waiting for you to return so they can go.

YOU MAY NOT USE THE BATHROOM THE FIRST AND LAST 15 MINUTES OF CLASS. This is the time when vital information is given out about the lesson and expectations for the day.

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