



2019--2020 COURSE SYLLABUS

Mr. Vu

Biology (10 credits)

Hours: Periods 1,2,3,5 and 6 in Room B-31

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Textbook: Biology (Dragonfly cover) 2004 edition, Miller & Levine, Prentice Hall

RE: Memo for Biology Students and Parents

Dear students and parents,

I would like to welcome all of you to our 9 months of educational interaction. Please dedicate yourself to life science commitment, interaction and applications so your time is worthwhile. Let's start a year of momentous change in knowledge and in maturity. Your success in High School reflects your fruitful adult life.

Before getting into what we will be learning, I like to reinforce my expectations for radiating integral dynamics and relevant productivity. Please consider the YES and the NO described below.

***B31 students and I will say YES to these:

Intangible stuffs (Common sense, sensitivity, modesty, respect, honesty, courtesy, dedication, self-initiative, punctuality, preparedness and cooperation)

Tangible stuffs (Notebook, organization, assignment completion, writing utensils)

***B31 students and I will say NO to these:

Food, drink, gum, electronic / battery op. devices, graffiti, tardiness, profanities, irrelevant chit-chat, horsing around, littering, cheating, stealing, immaturity, whining, lame excuses, distractive attires, hyperactivity, cocky / testy attitude, late work, procrastination, more than 5 unexcused absences per semester.

What will you achieve from adhering to above YES expectations?

Just to name a few.....How about good grades in scholarship, citizenship, intelligence, confidence, competence and an appreciation of Life. Please note that you have 24 breathing hours per day, this Biology class is part of your 24 required passing classes to reach the end of your 13th year High School diploma. So be really serious to make it once and counted.

What if you are inclined to be intrusive, oblivious of forbidden NO with F/U progress?

You will have fair warning and / or teacher student conference with equity, respect and TLC. If all is exhausted, citizenship points will be deducted on Infinite Campus, along with in house detention and house calls according to level of severity.

Please note you play now you pay later, a F/U grade will take you BACKWARD from June, 2020 to August. 29th, 2019 again.



Our typical but tentative routine will be predictable:

1. There will be a weekly agenda, point accumulation, and grades posted on Infinite Campus, be sure to keep abreast and follow through
2. According to daily agenda board, I will facilitate the HOW TO DO through lectures, lab activities, examples, homework reinforcement, group and individual interaction / practice, routine quizzes.
3. I want you to treat my classroom as the fitness club for the cranium (brain). So please always stay alert, on task, follow direction, and make our cranium toner and sharper as we progress.
4. We will cover
 - *Unit 1- Cell Biology
 - *Unit 3 –Ecology
 - *Unit 2 – Genetics A. Protein Synthesis B. Meiosis C. Classical Genetics D.Biotechnology
 - *Unit 4 –Evolution
 - *Unit 5 –Physiology A. Homeostasis B. Infection and Immunity.

The typical point accumulation is estimated from:

ABC Attitude Behavior Citizenship= 111 pts (independent of Academic grade)

Weekly Guided Reading=30 pts; Lab Report= 50 pts; Computer lab task= 25 pts; Every other Friday Exam=75 to 100 pts; Group projects: 150 pts; Popsicle stick participation: 30 pts; Random notebook check = 20 pts.

Homework is normally the extension of class assignment

Rounding off percentage will be used for letter grades as following:

A 90%-100%;

B 80 -89%;

C 70 -79%;

D 58% - 69%;

F 0%- 57% .

Make up: @ Individual discretion

Please READ the memo and Sign / Return the Lab Safety Agreement for record

Sincerely and GOOD LUCK,

Mr.Vu