Biology Class Syllabus

2022-2023

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Conference Period:

2nd Period: 8:48-9:39

Tutorial Times:

M-F morning tutorials @ 7:25 and after school with advance notice/appointment

Supplies Needed:

1 1-3 subject spiral for notetaking

1 Folder for paper assignment

These supplies must be brought to class each day

Class Information: Biology is designed to help students learn to use the scientific method during investigations and make informed decisions using critical-thinking skills to solve scientific problems. Students in Biology study a variety of topics including: cell structure and function, viruses, growth and development of organisms, nucleic acids and genetics, biological evolution, taxonomy, metabolism and energy transfers in living organisms, homeostasis, ecosystems and plants and their environment. At the end of this course, students will be taking the Biology End of Course STAAR Exam.

Grading

Daily Grades: 10%

Quizzes, Labs and Projects: 20%

Tests: 70%

Typically there are 6-10 daily grades, 2 quiz grades and 2 tests per 6 weeks

Homework

Homework is occasionally assigned. I do expect the student to study for quizzes and tests outside of class!

Late work: will not be accepted past the due date

Make up work: If you are absent, it is your responsibility to see me or check Canvas for missing assignments.

Retesting: Retesting is permitted only under the following circumstances

- Student received a failing grade on the unit test on the first attempt. There will be no retesting to bring up a passing grade.
- All assignments that relate to the test must be completed.
- Student must attend at least one tutorial session outside of class to go over missed questions on the original test.
- Retest must be scheduled and completed prior to the end of the 6 weeks in which the original test was given.
- The retest will not be the same test questions as the first test.
- The highest possible replacement grade on a retest is 70.

In case of emergency or virtual learning: Canvas will be used to communicate and assign work. Please refer to this learning platform in this case.

Cell phone policy

Phones must be placed in cell phone pockets near front of room as students enter class. Phones need to be off or on silent mode. Students may retrieve phone as they exit class. Students may not wear earbuds or headphones in class. If these rules are broken, one warning will be given. On the second offense, items will be taken to the office.

Class Rules

Be Respectful – treat others how you would like to be treated

Be Responsible – bring supplies to class and be ready to learn each day

Be Your Best – put forth a good effort in everything that you do

Class Procedures

1. If you are absent, you are responsible for getting missing work. Any missed paper assignments will be in the designated folder. Any other assignments will be posted in Canvas.
2. If you are not inside the door when the bell rings, you will be counted tardy.
3. Be prepared with supplies each day.
4. If you are absent the day of the test, you will take the test the day you return to class.
5. You may retake a test that you failed. See Retesting
6. Dress code must be followed at all times. No hats or hoodies may be worn during class. No blankets. Please refer to GRHS dress code in student handbook.
7. Tutoring will be provided in the morning or after school by appointment.
8. No cell phones during class. See Cell Phone Policy.
9. No late work. Turn assignments in by due date.
10. BE AWESOME! It's going to be a great year.

By signing this you are stating you have read the course syllabus and the classroom policies above for Biology 2022-2023.

Parent/Guardian signature_____

Student signature_____