

Biology Class Syllabus

2023-2024

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Conference Period:

6th Period 12:59-1:49

Remind App

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Tutorial Times:

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

Supplies Needed:

1" Binder to keep up with handouts and notes

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, ecology, natural selection, plants and their environment. **At the end of this course, students will be taking the Biology End of Course (EOC) STAAR Exam and is required to pass for graduation.**

Grading

Daily Grades: 20%

Quizzes & Labs: 20%

Tests & Projects: 60%

Typically there are 6-10 daily grades, 3 quiz grades and 3 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.

Cell phone policy

Phones must be put away for the entire class period. This includes headphones and earbuds.

Failure to follow this rule the first time will be a warning and phone must be put in wall pocket by the teacher desk for the class period.

Failure to follow a second time will result in an office referral.

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

Make sure you...

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. Arrive on time. 5 tardies = office referral
3. Be prepared each day.
4. Follow the dress code. No hats or hoodies may be worn during class. No blankets. Please refer to GRHS dress code in student handbook.
5. Seek help if needed. Tutoring will be provided in the morning or after school by appointment.
6. Keep your phone turned off and put away. No cell phones during class. See Cell Phone Policy.
7. Turn your work in! TCB (take care of business)
8. BE AWESOME! It's going to be a great year.