



Glen Rose High School Science Department
Honors Biology 2023-2024
Syllabus/Classroom Policies

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Biology is designed for students to conduct field and laboratory investigations, use scientific methods during investigations, and make informed decisions using critical-thinking and scientific problem solving. Students in Biology study a variety of topics that include structure and functions of cells and viruses; growth and development of organisms; cells, tissues, and organs; nucleic acids and genetics; biological evolution; taxonomy; metabolism; and energy transfers in living organisms; living systems; homeostasis; ecosystems; and plants and their environment.

TIMELINE *subject to change*

FIRST SIX WEEKS

What is Biology?
Chemistry of Life

SECOND SIX WEEKS

The Life of a Cell
DNA/Replication

THIRD SIX WEEKS

Protein Synthesis
Genetics

FOURTH SIX WEEKS

Ecology
Evolution
Classification/ Taxonomy Bacteria/Viruses

FIFTH SIX WEEKS

Protists/Fungi
Plants Invertebrates/Vertebrates

SIXTH SIX WEEKS

Human Biology
EOC Review
Rat Dissections

ASSESSMENT

Daily Grades – 10%
Quizzes/Labs – 20%
Tests – 70%

**** Quiz grades are averaged for a test grade at the end of each six weeks. ****

REMIND APP

I will be utilizing the application Remind to send reminders and keep in touch with students as needed throughout the year. It is **mandatory** that every student joins the remind for my class. Students need to use their first and last names when joining. Please contact me at my email address if you have questions or concerns about joining Remind.

To join: Text the number **81010** the following message- **@tigers2233**

CANVAS

I will be utilizing Canvas as my online platform for this course. Students will need to be familiar with Canvas to be successful in this course. The following is a breakdown of what will be available on Canvas and its accessibility. In the event of an emergency shut down I will continue to utilize Canvas as my teaching platform.

- Lectures will be recorded and available under the files tab in a folder titled "Recorded Lectures".
- PowerPoints will be available under the files tab in a folder titled "PowerPoints".
- Outline Notes will be available under the files tab in a folder titled "Outline Notes".
- All assignments/labs will be accessible under the "Assignments" tab.
- Online Quizzes/Unit Tests/Six Weeks Assessments/Semester Finals & Final Exams will be accessible under the "Quizzes" tab.

SUPPLIES

- 1- 5 Subject notebook
- Black/Blue pen
- Colored pencils
- Headphones compatible with Microsoft Surface Pro
- Box of tissues
- 1- 100 count notecards- regular size/lined

***Special project supplies will be announced in advance.

RESOURCES

The major resource will be the online Biology text: Biology TEKS (Biggs et. Al.) - McGraw-Hill 15th addition. Students will access the online textbook through Stoneware and have access to a class set.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

1. Bring materials to class every day
 - ☐ You should have a writing utensil, biology spiral, any assignments/notes prevalent for the day's success
2. Be on time
 - ☐ This means in your seat by the time the tardy bell rings
3. Be proactive
 - ☐ If you are absent get missed work the day you return. If you know you will be absent, get your work ahead of time
4. Stay organized
 - ☐ Keep all items in the appropriate section of your binder
5. Complete notes
 - ☐ Complete all notes when assigned. Failing to complete outline notes will result in a zero for a daily grade. You will also get behind during lecture
6. Ask questions
 - ☐ When you have trouble mastering a new concept ask questions. Don't wait until we have moved onto a new topic to ask for help

TUTORIALS

Morning tutorials will be available daily at 7:30. After school tutorials will be available by appointment.

CELL PHONE PROCEDURES

Students will place cell phones in designated area during class. Any phone found in class will be given one warning to place in the designated area. A phone found in class a second time will be turned in to the office.

CHEATING/PLAGIARISM

Students found to be cheating or plagiarizing work will receive a zero on that assignment and an office referral.

LATE WORK POLICY

This is an honors course. I do **NOT** accept late work. If you miss the due date, you have **earned a ZERO**. No exceptions. Assignments uploaded to Canvas are time stamped, and I receive notification when they are uploaded past the due date/time. *Teacher Tip: Do not wait until the last second to submit assignments. In the event there is a technology issue that prevents you from submitting your assignment on time I need to know about it immediately. Message me on the Remind APP and I will get a notification.*

ABSENT POLICY

The school's policy on absent work will be followed. You have the equivalent of days missed to make up assignments. Students will have advanced notice of tests. If you are absent on a test day you are required to make up the test the following day. The test will be made up during the next day's tutorials or during class. If made up during class time students will be responsible for that day's missed assignments/notes. Students who are missing extra-circular activities will be required to be prepared for class when they return.

NOTES

Students will be required to complete an outline over notes prior to the lecture. I encourage students to develop their note-taking skills this year as it will help them in future advanced courses. Outline notes will be checked for a daily grade. **Incomplete notes will earn students a zero.** The outline notes will be located online on Canvas under files. The notes must be handwritten.

COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS AND FRIDAY QUIZZES

Students will be assigned ten prefixes/suffixes and five vocabulary words a week. The prefix/suffix and vocabulary list will be posted on Canvas under the files tab. Students will define all terms in their notebooks every week. The notebooks will be checked every Friday for a daily grade. After the notebooks are checked on Friday for a daily grade, students will take a quiz over the weeks assigned terms.

Name: _____

Period: _____

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CLASSROOM POLICIES/PROCEDURES

1. It is your responsibility to read and understand the classroom policies for Honors Biology.
2. Drinks (with a lid) and snacks are permitted in the classroom. Do not leave trash behind. 😊
3. You are considered late if you are not inside the door and in your seat when the bell rings.
4. Be prepared for class daily. Bring all required materials.
5. Late assignments will not be accepted. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS. Late = ZERO.
6. If you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to get make-up work. If you missed notes you will need to get them from the recorded lecture video. Any missed assignments that are on paper will be in your designated classroom folder with your name. BE PROACTIVE 😊
7. If you're absent the day of a test, you will take the test the day you return to class. Either in tutorials or during class. You will be responsible for any work/notes missed for that day. Tests are announced in advance therefore you should have ample time to prepare your schedule. Study.
8. If a student fails a unit test and they choose to retake, they must complete a retake test during "retake week"; the last week of the six weeks. The highest grade earned for a retake will be a 70. If the student fails to attend their scheduled retake time, they will keep their original grade.
9. Tutoring will be available daily at 7:30 a.m. and after school by appointment only.
10. Students should make every effort to stay out of ISS/ACE, as it will be difficult to pass this class without being present for instruction.
11. Cell phones are not to be used in class and are to remain in designated cellphone area until the end of class. If a student is caught on their cell phone, the phone will be taken to Mr. Pounds.
12. Dress code must be followed at all times. I keep my room cold therefore bring a light jacket. No blankets please.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year the best way to reach me is by email. If I have not responded in 24hrs please check to make sure the correct email address was used; boonme@grisd.net. I am looking forward to a great year with your student!

By signing this you are stating you have read the course syllabus and the classroom policies above for Honors Biology 2023-2024.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Student signature: _____

Date: _____