

**Teacher Schedule:** 

A Day

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4
B Day			

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## What is Biology?

Biology is life. It is all around you all the time! Biology is the branch of science that deals with the study of living things.

### **Course Objectives**

- Develop an understanding of and appreciation for biology.
- Create real-life connections between biology and the world in which we live.
- Practice and apply biological concepts through interactive learning activities, projects, independent study, group activities, lab experiments and more.
- Prepare for continued science education while further developing critical thinking skills.

## <u>Rule</u>

No talking while the teacher is talking.

#### **Class Procedures and Expectations**

- No talking while anyone else is talking (excluding group work scenarios).
- No cell phones EVER!
  - This is your first and only warning.
  - Phone out in class? Zero grade earned for daily participation.
  - Out during tests/quizzes? Automatic earned grade of "0".
- No headphones, earbuds, food, drinks, hats, iPod, iPads or any other mobile or electronic device allowed in class.
- Keep it clean clean language, clean desk and floor. Leave the room better than you found it.
- Bathroom go before or after class.
- MUST have permission and pass to leave the room no exceptions. MUST complete sign in and out sheet.
- Individual quarterly bathroom pass will be assigned to each student.
- Follow ALL school rules in the student handbook they will be enforced.



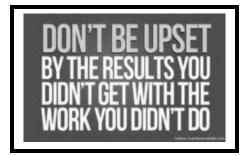
#### YOU are responsible for YOU.

- Be prompt.
  - Bell rings in your seat.
  - 3 unexcused lates = a cut.
    - An unexcused late is any entrance into the room
      - after the scheduled time of class start without a pass.
- Be prepared.
  - Have a personal writing utensil EVERY DAY.
  - Have all materials from supplies list ready for use.
- Be productive.
  - READ and FOLLOW DIRECTIONS!
  - DO YOUR WORK! Every assignment counts!
  - There is always something to do.
  - Have questions? Don't understand? Need help? ASK!
- Be polite and patient.
  - Respect everyone in the classroom ALL the time.
  - Inappropriate, negative behavior toward others will NEVER be tolerated.
  - Horseplay, play fighting, physical contact with any other student is NOT acceptable at ANY time in the classroom.
- Be positive.
  - Remember: "It only seems impossible until it's done." –Nelson Mandela.
  - Think positively about yourself, others and your school work.
  - You can and will succeed.

#### Grading

## YOU ARE NOT GIVEN YOUR GRADE – YOU EARN IT.

Test	25%
Quizzes	20%
Classwork	20%
Authentic Assessment	25%
Homework	10%



## Homework, Classwork, Late Work

\*Homework is due at the <u>beginning</u> of the class period.

\*Classwork is to be submitted to your assigned class bin by the end of the class period.

\*Late Homework may be turned in the next class for half-credit.

\*Late Classwork is not accepted.

\*Late Labs/Activities will <u>lose 25%</u> of the earned grade for each day late. Labs/Activities will not be accepted more than

4 days after the due date - including weekends.

Exceptions may be applied when determined.

\*If you cut class, you will earn a "0" for anything you

missed with <u>no option</u> to make-up work, including tests. \*Extra Credit is available.

\*Extra help is ALWAYS offered, just ask



# KEEP CALM AND STUDY BIOLOGY

### **Absentee Work**

Missed Classwork/Homework

- It is YOUR responsibility to check with teacher regarding your missed/make-up work BEFORE the date it is due. You do not have to wait for your class block to get your work check before or after school or between classes DO NOT interrupt a class.
- The number of days you were absent is the number of days you have to the make-up the work.
  - You will NOT be reminded to hand in missed classwork/homework.
  - It is your responsibility to place any make-up work in your class bin.
  - Any work NOT placed in the bin by the appropriate date will earn a "0".

Missed Labs/Activities

- Make-up labs must be completed after school within <u>one-week</u> of the absence.
- You have to make an appointment for make-up labs with your teacher and have a make-up lab appointment card approved and signed by your teacher.
- Any lab that is not made-up or replaced with a written assignment will earn a "0".

Missed Quizzes

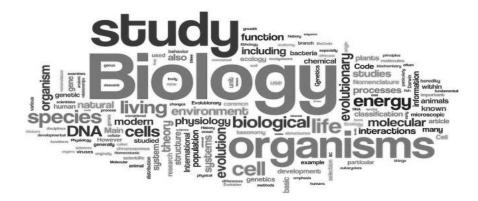
- Missed quizzes will be made up the <u>next day</u> you are present in class.
- Missed pop-quizzes are <u>not</u> required to be made up and will be an excused assignment.
- Make-up quizzes will be a different version than the one given in class.

Missed Tests

- Missed tests will be made up the <u>next day</u> you are present in class you will always be previously informed of any upcoming test date so "I wasn't here" or "I didn't know" or "I forgot" are NOT acceptable excuses.
- Make-up tests will be a different version than the one given in class.
- If you missed the in-class review, you are still required to take the test the next day you are in class.

#### **Copying and Plagiarism**

- If you are found to be copying another students' work BOTH students will earn a "0" for the assignment.
- If you are found to be plagiarizing from a source (ex: Biology-online.org, Wikipedia) you will earn a "0" for the assignment.
- Copying and Plagiarizing are both forms of cheating. Cheating is NEVER tolerated.



## **Biology Contract**

I have read the Biology class syllabus for the
<b>2019-2020 school year and agree to conduct myself according to the guidelines set forth.</b> I understand that I am responsible for my behavior, my school work and my earned grade.
I understand that any poor conduct will have consequences - phone call home, detention, discipline referral/write-up, etc.
I understand that lab conduct rules are set forth to ensure my safety as well as the safety of my
fellow classmates.
I understand that all rules outlined in the student handbook apply to this class and are included in
the guidelines of this syllabus.
I understand that I am not given a grade in biology class by my teacher, that the grades I receive I earn based on individual effort put forth on the opportunities for grades provided by my teacher.
I agree to cooperate to the fullest extent with my teacher and follow all verbal directions and written guidelines and expectations provided.
I agree to treat my teacher and classmates with respect at all times.
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\*STUDENT COPY – to be kept in class notebook/binder with syllabus at all times\*

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