

# Biology

“Everyone can succeed in Biology”

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In Biology, we will study the world of living things. We will learn about the nature of science and scientific methods. We will learn about cells, genetics, evolution, ecology, bacteria, viruses, protists, fungi, plants, animals, and the human body.

Class Rules: I have 3 broad rules; Respect Yourself, Respect Others, and Respect Your Environment

Respect Yourself by coming to class on time, being prepared, and ready to learn. You will not be allowed to go to your locker to get materials you forgot. You will be in your assigned seat when the bell rings. Talking will stop when the bell rings. Do the best that you can on your assignments and tests. Cheating is not allowed and will result in a zero. You may work with group on assignments but you may not just copy someone else's paper. Doing so will result in zeros for both participants. Time given during class to work on assignments is not optional. You will work on your assignment. You will not work on assignments from other classes unless you have already finished your biology assignment. Do not miss more than 7 days per semester or you will lose credit and fall behind in your work. Do not wear inappropriate t-shirts or belly shirts. You will be asked to change. Do not plagiarize from other sources. Do your own work or give credit where credit is due!

Respect Others by not talking when others are talking, not making derogatory comments toward or about other students or the faculty. No horseplay especially during labs. No swearing! Do not leave the classroom without permission from the teacher. Go only to where you have been given permission. We have a lot to learn this year in biology. If you are repeatedly tardy or noisy, we will not be able to get to as many fun activities. My tardy policy is: 1<sup>st</sup> freebie, 2<sup>nd</sup>- 10 minutes at lunch, 3<sup>rd</sup> entire lunch spent helping me and a letter home. Tardies 4-7 will be referred to the office as disruptive classroom behavior. Do not bring your cell phones to class. If I see you using one in class, I will confiscate it and turn it in to the office.

Respect Your Environment by not bringing gum, candy, and soda pop into the classroom. My desk, cupboards, shelves, animals, and demonstration materials are not to be touched by students without permission. Pick up after yourself. Do not write on

desks etc. Respect the natural environment. No harassing animals. If you bring in extra credit samples, show maturity by treating them with respect and leaving nature as untouched as possible.

#### Lectures, assignments, tests, and quizzes

We will be taking notes almost every day. We will be listening to the notes, seeing the notes, and writing the notes. At quarter, you will be graded on your notes so don't lose them! During tests, there will be no talking until everyone is finished. Doing so will result in a 5 point penalty. Before each test, your group will compete in a test review to win great prizes. Groups will be changed after each test. You are expected to work and study with your group during class time. All assignments must be turned in when they are due. If you are absent, you will have the same number of days that you were absent to turn in an assignment or make up a test. Extra credit opportunities will be available throughout the semester. However, do not expect to be able to significantly raise your grade on the last day of the semester. Grades will be awarded to students based on their total points earned divided by the total points possible

#### Grading Scale

92-100% A	90-91% A-	87-89% B+	83-86% B	80-82% B-	77-79% C+
73-76% C	70-72% C-	67-69%D+	63-66% D	60-62% D-	Below 60% F

Dear Parents-

Please read these rules and sign below. Experts have found that students who have parents involved in their education are more successful at school. If you have any experiences, hobbies, knowledge, etc. that would be applicable to biology and you are willing to share, please list them below. Also include a number where I may contact you. If you know of anyone in your family or the community that would be a valuable resource, please let me know about them also. Thank You! Becky Crossley

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_