



BIOLOGY SYLLABUS
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Course Text: Miller & Levine Biology

Course Description:

Why take Biology? Well we are living in a time when scientific and technological issues are making headlines every day from global warming to cloning. We must be scientifically literate to make educational decisions about these issues. In this class, you will learn about the basis of all life and how it affects you as a citizen in this fast changing world. To be successful in this class follow the guidelines below.

Units:

Scientific method
Chemistry/Biochemistry
Cells
Photosynthesis/Cellular Respiration
DNA/Protein Synthesis
Mitosis/Meiosis
Genetics
Evolution
Ecology/Photosynthesis
Human Physiology

Student Materials:

1. Paper or a notebook
2. A pen or pencil **EVERYDAY!**

1.

Grading Categories

Test/Quizzes 40%
Lab/activities 30%

Daily work 30%

TESTS/Quizzes: You will have at least a 2 days notice. If no new material is presented the day before the test, you will still be required to take the test, even if you were absent for the review day. It is your responsibility to review the material.

Policies in the Classroom and Laboratory:

- Your behavior in class and lab is expected to be **good natured, courteous, mature, and respectable**. If we have a problem hopefully we can work it out together, if not you will get a warning, and lastly I will refer you to an administrator and call your parents/guardians.
- **Lab safety will also be administered during lab time**. There should be no 'horse playing' or negative behavior/actions that would endanger yourself and others.
- **You need to be in your seat when the bell rings or it will result in a tardy!**
- Please be **on time and prepared** for class. Class participation is directly related to your ability to be prepared with text, workbook, notebook, pens, pencils, etc.
- Cheating and plagiarizing will not be tolerated and will result in a zero. If you are aware that someone is cheating off your work and you let it happen, you will also receive a zero.
- Students are expected to **DO THEIR OWN WORK AT ALL TIMES!!** Students will be allowed to work in groups, but all write ups and graded assignments must be done individually (unless specifically stated by the teacher).
- **Late work will NOT** be accepted. Sorry!
- If you are absent, you will have the amount of days absent, plus one extra day, to make up your work and turn it in. **It is your responsibility to find out what the missed work was and to obtain materials from the teacher.**
- **STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING FOOD OR ANY DRINK OTHER THAN WATER AT ANY TIME UNLESS SPECIFIED BY THE TEACHER.**
- If I notice that your homework and class work is not turned in, the quality of work and grades are deteriorating, or if you do very poorly on tests, **I will contact your parents/guardians**. I'm only looking out for you!!
- I will not accept an assignment that does not look professional. Example a crumpled up piece of paper.
- Your name, period, date, and name of assignment must be clearly labeled in the upper right hand corner.

After reading the entire syllabus, please sign this contract stating that you will abide by the rules/policies of the class and labs. Your parents will also need to read the syllabus and sign below. Return to Mrs. Janssen by Monday August 18th

Students: I have read the rules and procedures in the Biology syllabus and understand them. I will honor these rules and procedures while in Mrs. Janssen's classroom.
yes

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parents: My child has discussed the rules and procedures in the Biology Syllabus with me. I understand and will support them.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____