**Biology**

**Mr. Green**

**Introduction**

Biology I and II are each semester classes taught at the sophomore level that are designed to give students a basic appreciation for the subject. We will study topics such as cell biology, genetics, ecology and basic anatomy at a secondary level.

**Required Materials**

Students should bring the following materials to class: textbook, pen or pencil, paper, their planner, and notebook. Students should come prepared to take notes and will be required to use notes from previous class periods from time to time. Failure to bring materials may result in a loss of points.

**Grading**

All assignments, tests, quizzes, etc. will be assigned a point value and each category is weighted. Tests are worth 40% of the grade, homework is worth 15%, labs/projects are worth 25% , daily grade/notebook is worth 15%, and final 10% of the grade. The following grading scale will be used: **A 90-100 B 80-89 C 70-79 D 60-69 F Below 60**

Grades that fall within two percent of a letter grade will receive a + or -. For example, a student with 88.9% will receive a B+. A failing grade will result in no credit for the semester. Students with less than 60% will also be placed on the failing list.

**Late work**

Assignments are to be turned in **at the beginning of class** on the day they are due. Late work will be accepted for 50% until the day of the test. If the late work is not turned in by that time it will result in a 0. If students fail to turn in their work, the teacher may request to meet with the student during I&E to work on assignment. Students are responsible for recording all upcoming assignments, tests, etc. in their planners.

**Make-up Work**

Make-up work for an absence should be completed in a timely manner, and in accordance with school policy. Homework due on the date absent will be due the day the student returns to class. **It is the student’s responsibility to ask the teacher for make-up work!** All make-up tests and labs are to be completed no later than one week following the original date, unless and extended excused absence is involved. Failure to do so will result in no credit.

**Student Behavior**

Students are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. Student will be **respectful** to each other, teachers, and paras. E**ating and drinking in class by students is not permitted.** Due to the nature of science classes in general, eating and drinking could be unsafe.

**Students are to be in their seats when the bell rings or they will be counted tardy. Students are to be in their seats before being dismissed. All materials, supplies, and equipment must be put away. All trash must be off the floor before dismissal. The teacher dismisses class, not the bell.**

**Academic Dishonesty**

**Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated!** Cheating on assignments, tests, projects, labs, etc. will result in no credit for all parties involved. Parents may be notified if necessary. Referrals will be sent to the office.

**Behavior Management, Discipline Policy**

Any type of behavior that disrupts the learning environment will be dealt with immediately. The school’s discipline and referral policy will be strictly enforced. For minor disruptions students will receive a verbal warning. If behavior continues student will have a one on one discussion with the teacher about the behavior. The next step to solve the issue will be to contact parents about the issue and finally will result in referral if behavior still does not change.

Any behavior that is highly disruptive, dangerous, or extremely inappropriate will result in immediate removal from class.

**Daily Grade**

Daily grade will be made up of participation in classroom discussions and activities, behavior, and bell ringer/exit slip questions.

**Tests and Finals**

Students can expect to test over material as chapters and units are completed. Usually, this is at 2-3 week intervals. A comprehensive final will be given at the end of each semester. If students fail any chapter test they have the option to correct the test to get back 1/3 of the points missed, but only during tutoring or I&E.

**Laboratory Experiences**

**Lab safety is of the utmost importance. Failure to follow lab safety practices will result in suspension of lab privileges, point loss, and disciplinary action.** All students must pass a lab safety quiz to participate. All students are responsible for their own work, even when working in groups. Failure to participate will result in a loss of points. Each student is responsible for cleanup, and **no one** will be dismissed until all cleanup is done.

**I and E**

**I and E is to be used for academics only!** Only students who have make-up work, or need help from the teacher will be permitted. **Seminar is not to be used as a meeting place.** No student will be admitted without a pre-signed agenda. Anyone who does not abide by the rules will receive a referral.

**Tutoring**

Tutoring sessions in science are available after school, from 3:30-4:30 PM on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Transportation is available.

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