

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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Office Hours – 1st period \*9:30 am –10:30 am

**Course Description:** Welcome to our science class. We will provide a safe and comfortable learning environment that will be beneficial to all students. Making sure that everyone as well as myself shows respect to one another is the key. This will be an engaging class where we make each topic relevant to the 21st century. This is our class and we all will succeed. Have fun this semester.

**\*REMEMBER\*:** Biology is an EOC so a state test will be administered at the end of the year and the expectation is a score of a 3 or higher.

**Responsibilities:**

My responsibilities as Your Teacher….

1. To treat you with respect and care as an individual

2. To provide you a safe and orderly environment

3. To provide the necessary discipline according to the behavior consequences

4. To provide the appropriate motivation

5. To teach you the required content

Your responsibilities as My Students…

1. To treat me with respect and care as an individual

2. To attend class prepared and participate in a well-mannered way

3. To learn and master the required content

 **Classroom Procedure/Expectations**

**Entering the Classroom**- Grab Notebooks and all materials before going to assigned seat. All pencils should be sharpened at the **beginning of class.** If your pencil breaks raise your hand for permission to sharpen it again. Students have the first ten minutes of class to complete the quick write/warm up.

**End of class/dismissal-** Students will be responsible for making sure the area around their desk is clean and all materials are put away in the proper area. The teacher NOT the bell will then dismiss students**.**

**Bathroom**- students will be allowed to use the restroom after the first 20 minutes of class and before the last 20 minutes of class. If a student abuses the restroom time, it will be taken away.

**Attendance Policy-** is based on the school policy. If you are absent for any reason, please provide an excuse to the front office. **Attendance is very important and is a great reflection of your learning experience.**

**Tardy policy-** Tardiness is a serious problem that compromises class learning time and can be disruptive to not only your learning of your classroom. We will follow Ben L. Smith high school protocol.

**Getting make-up work from absences-** Each student will receive one week to turn in make-up work if you are absent before a grade deduction is made.

**Assigning Homework-** Homework will be assigned at the teacher's discretion.

**Cell Phone and Devices –** school-wide policy states that a student’s personal devices should be silent and put away during class time. When a student does not adhere to that policy the consequences will be as follows:

· Verbal warning

· Confiscation of device for period with parent contact

· Confiscation of device for the day and parent contact

· Administration referral

**Course Units**

Unit 1: Cells

Unit 2: DNA

Unit 3: Genetics

Unit 4: Biotechnology

Unit 5: Evolution/Adaptations

Unit 6: Ecology

**Expectations**

1. **PENCIL** something to write with

2. **PAPER** something to write on

3. **POSTURE** willingness to learn and engage in classroom activities

**Behavioral Consequences**

First Offense: Verbal Warning

Second Offense: Parent contact

Third Offense: Student/ Teacher Conference

Fourth Offense: Parent Conference/Phone call

Fifth Offense (or extreme violation any time): Sent to the office with referral

**Grading Policy\* Grading Scale**

 - Notebook/Class work/Participation -35 % A: 100-90

 - Quizzes/Test- 20% B: 89-80

 -Homework- 10% C: 79-70

 -Final Grade- 25% D: 69- 60

- Project- 10%

\*Extra Credit will be given at teacher discretion.

**Required** **Materials**

- 1” 3-ring binder

- Pen/pencil

- Dividers

Note on Notebooks…

Organization will be a vital part of your success in this class. For that reason, please leave your notebook in class **EVERYDAY**. To ensure that you are keeping a well-organized notebook we will have weekly graded notebook checks this year.

· ***Please Note: Any Change can be made at any time upon the teacher's discretion***

**\*CELL PHONE POLICY\*-** Cell phones are a distraction and will not be permissible for use inside my classroom. \*Unless I give permission to use them during class.\* Students will be required to place cellphones in a secure spot in the classroom before class begins. Students know where their phones are and will be able to retrieve them once class is over.

**Biology Student/Parent Agreement**

After reading the entire syllabus, please sign this agreement acknowledging that you have read it and will abide by the rules/policies of the class and labs. Your parents will also need to read the syllabus and sign below. Return this page to Ms. Johnson within two days of receiving the syllabus and keep the syllabus in your class notebook. Thanks!

**Students**: I have read the rules and procedures in the Biology syllabus and understand them. I will honor these rules and procedures while in class.

Student Name (neatly):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Period (circle) 2 3 4 5 6

**Parents/Guardians**: I have discussed the rules and procedures in the Biology Syllabus with my child. I understand and will support them.

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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