

Biology - Class Guidelines

1. **1st Thing you will do EVERY day** – Read the board for the day’s events/activities/objectives.
2. **Class Guidelines:**
 - A. **RESPECT – ALWAYS BE RESPECTFUL OF EVERYONE!**
 - B. IF you don’t know or understand something then **ASK!**
 - C. All school rules apply in this class.
 - D. Class Ground Rules and Expectations
 1. You **MUST** be in **YOUR** assigned seat, quiet, and working when the bell rings (tardy bell and bell to end class). You are tardy if you are not in your seat at the start of tardy bell.
 2. **You are RESPONSIBLE for YOUR actions.**
 3. **BRING YOUR SUPPLIES EVERYDAY.**
 4. Electronic Devices (Cell Phones, etc.) – rules apply as assigned by the district
 5. **Follow all directions, and follow them EXACTLY as they are given.**
3. **Turning in Assignments and Graded Work**
 - Work to be graded should be placed on the teacher's desk in the designated area; if it is not there then you did not turn it in.
 - Work turned in without a name will be graded and placed in the Anonymous Tray.
 - Graded work will be passed back out to the students by the teacher.
4. **Grading Policy-**

Calculation of Average:
Major: 50%
Minor: 50%
5. **Type of Assessments to be calculated in Each Major/Minor Area:**

Major: Exams, Tests, Oral Presentations, Projects, Lab Write Ups

Minor: Homework, Quizzes, Class work, and Class Participation
6. **Late Work Guidelines**

Since the work assigned to students is valuable in the learning process and mastery is essential, students are expected to complete all assignments by the due date. Late work will be accepted during the current six week grading period up until the week prior to the final week of the grading period. Late work is expected to be completed.

Major: Students will have up to one week to make up any Test missed, or other Major assignment as assigned.

Extra Credit: Teacher discretion.

7. **Makeup Work Policy**

Students with excused absences are to make-up assignments without penalty within a reasonable time following their return to school (1 day for each day missed).

Students with unexcused absences may turn in assignments within a designated amount of time. ISS and OSS will fall in this category. Each student will still be responsible for completing his/her work while in ISS.

8. **Homework Policy**

All assigned homework will be given a specific date the assignment will be due.

9. **Retesting Policy**

Students who have not mastered the material may be given the opportunity to retest within the six weeks grading period. In order for students to be successful on the retest, a student must use all available means to learn the material prior to the retest including but not limited to tutoring, test corrections, supplemental work to aid in the learning process, etc.

How many times can a student retake a test? Students may retake any unit test for which they received a failing grade.

Time period: Students have 1 week after the grade has been posted to retest the major grade.

Highest Grade Possible: Maximum of a 70 on the retest.

10. **What we will be covering this year:**

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| ■ 1 st 6 Weeks
Scientific Method
Biochemistry
Cells (Structure/Function)
Cell Transport | ■ 4 th 6 Weeks
Evolution
Ecology
Cycles / Flow of Matter
Levels of Organization |
| ■ 2 nd 6 Weeks
DNA / RNA
Protein Synthesis
Mutations | ■ 5 th 6 Weeks
Viruses
Taxonomy
Plants |
| ■ 3 rd 6 Weeks
Cell Cycle
Mitosis / Meiosis
Genetics | ■ 6 th 6 Weeks
Body Systems
EOC/STAAR Prep
CPR / First Aid |