

Biology Syllabus

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Introduction

Biology is the study of life and its processes. It is an exciting and rapidly changing branch of science with important discoveries being announced daily. These discoveries touch on a vast array of subjects including the basic structures and functions of living things, human health, and the health of the world we live in. My goal for this class is to provide you with an in-depth understanding of biology that allows you to appreciate it and its relevance to your life.

Classroom Rules

1. Treat everyone with respect
2. Be prepared for class-have your materials and homework ready
3. Be attentive and on task

Consequences

1st Offense: Warning – I will correct your behavior once

2nd Offense: Complete a behavioral examination sheet that must be signed by both you and your parents.

3rd Offense: Referral to the office for further discipline

Depending on the severity of the behavior involved, I reserve the right to take these consequences out of order

Plagiarism

Academic honesty is of the utmost importance, as a result, plagiarism is not to be tolerated. Plagiarism is most simply defined as copying someone else's work. If while doing your homework, you copy a classmate's assignment and turn it in as your own work, both you and the person allowing you to copy, have committed plagiarism. If while writing a research paper, you copy information from text word for word or you use an author's ideas and pass them off as your own without giving credit to the author, you have committed plagiarism.

The consequences for plagiarism during your four years at Ghidotti are as follows:

1st Offense: You will receive a zero on the assignment with no chance to make up the points

2nd Offense: 5 days suspension

3rd Offense: Expulsion

Tardies

You are considered to be tardy if you are not in your seat at the start of class with your science work out.

1st – 3rd tardies

4th tardy and all subsequent tardies: You will be assigned a Saturday School.

Computer Use

All Ghidotti students will be issued a Chromebook. It is expected that the Chromebook will be in class everyday and that its use will be consistent with Ghidotti's Chromebook Classroom policy.

Homework

All assignments are expected to be completed on the assigned due date. Failure to have the work on the assigned date will result in a loss of 30% of the assignment value and the student completing a behavioral examination sheet which will require a parent signature.

Grades

Grades in chemistry are weighted according to the following manner:

Unit Tests	50%
Midterm and Final	20%
Labs and Projects	15%
Homework & Classwork	10%
Quizzes	5%

Semester Grades will be assigned using the following scale:

A = 90 – 100% B = 80 – 89 % C = 70 – 79% D = 60 – 69% F = 59.94% or lower

Schoology

Schoology is an online learning management system that I use as a one-stop source for all course information. You will find a daily update that explains what occurred in class as well as links to digital copies of all handouts and homework as well Powerpoints used in class. If you are absent, I expect that you will check Schoology and keep up to date.

Absences

If you are absent, you will have a number days equal to the number of days that you were absent to complete any work missed.

Help

If you are having trouble with any of the course content or assignments, contact me as soon as possible so that we can arrange a time for tutoring.

Keys to Success

1. Ask questions – don't be shy
2. Take good Cornell style notes – use margins and complete page summaries
3. **Daily Study!** – review notes, flashcards, quizzes etc...
4. Use Schoology to keep up with class when absent

We have reviewed this syllabus and agree to the expectations of the course

Student name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent name: _____

Parent Signature: _____