

What's it all about?

Biology is the Study of Life. We have 6 GVC's.

- 1: I can explain the basic chemistry, structure and function of cells.
- 2: I can identify and explain how the structure of DNA relates to its function.
- 3: I can compare sexual and asexual reproduction, including patterns of inheritance in sexually reproducing organisms.
- 4: I can describe and classify how patterns of natural selection and selective breeding lead to adaptations and biological diversity and analyze evidence supporting biological evolution.
- 5: I can understand the relationship between structure and function of organs and organ systems.
- 6: I can understand how energy flows, how matter cycles, and how organisms interact in an ecosystem.

Lessons are designed to be fun, challenging, educational, full of hands-on learning and to meet the needs of **ALL** students!



What is expected of me in this class?

My expectations of you are fairly straight forward:

- 1- Come to class and be on time!
There is not a way to "make-up" everything that you miss when you are absent.
- 2- Be prepared, work hard, have a good attitude, & treat everyone with respect.
- 3- Have FUN 😊

How can I see what I've missed when I'm absent?

I keep a class blog that highlights what we do in class each day. It is especially helpful when you are absent. Please visit this website when you are absent **BEFORE** you ask me what you missed!

<http://moodybiology.weebly.com/>

What happens each day in class?

Bell Work/Participation

We will do an activity at the beginning of each class. Full points will only be earned if you are **ON TIME!** Tardy = ½ BW points

Cell Phone Table

When you come into class each day, you will place your phone on a table in a designated number. I will use the grid to call roll. This is simply my attempt to reduce the **HUGE** distraction that cell phones bring to a classroom! **THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL!**

Biology



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What about late work?

Again, every effort should be made to be in class each day.

Tardy = ½ points for bellwork/participation

Excused=full points if made up within one week.

Unexcused/truant = 0 bellwork/participation

There will be **STRICT** due dates at midterm and the end of the quarter. Once these dates have passed, work missed will not be accepted.

How am I going to be graded?

Grades are based on participation, assignments, activities, laboratories, bell work and tests. It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to check you grades regularly. **PLEASE ASK** if you ever have a question about your grade.

93-100%=A	90-92%=A-	87-89%=B+
83-86%=B	80-82%=B-	77-79%=C+
73-76%=C	70-72%=C-	67-69%=D+
63-66%=D	60-62%=D-	



Test Retake Policy

Retakes will be given at teacher discretion and be individualized for each student. The following policy will be in place:

If the student earns above 70% they can retake the test, but it is not required. If the student earns below 70%, the retake is **required**. Student score will be a zero until they retake the test and earn a passing grade. (above 70%)

What do I need?

You need a **writing utensil** and your **biology notebook** every day. Please be sure you pay the \$10 lab fee. This fee covers your textbook, journal and expenses associated labs.



How can I earn a good grade?

What grade do you want to earn—an A, a D? It is all up to you! Please know that I am here to help you! **I want you to succeed!!**

I will be available for extra help **during some lunches** (please schedule with me) and most days **after school until 3:30** (no Mondays). If these times don't work for you, let me know and we will find a time that will.

BIOLOGY ROCKS!