

Biology: Expectations, Grading, and Standards – Mrs. Hover

These guidelines are in place to maintain a safe and productive classroom environment conducive to learning so everyone can learn safely, responsibly, respectfully and be successful.

Expectations

Be Safe:

--When working on labs or experiments, work cooperatively and share in the cleanup. Discuss but compose your own answers. Identical answers is copying and may result in a zero

Be Respectful:

--Respect others and their property. Be open to different viewpoints

--Only one person talking at a time. Raise your hand during class discussions

--**Electronics off and out of sight.** Music allowed only during individual silent reading. Cell phones used only if the lesson requires the internet. **Cell Phone infraction will result in detention and loss of extra credit points**

--**Be fair to your classmates.** Do not ask to borrow their work and copy it. This is cheating and will result in a zero for both of you.

Be Responsible:

--Be on time, stay on task and in your seat until the bell rings and do your own work.

--**Come to class** prepared: positive attitude, with materials, team player

--Use the bathroom before and after class, not during class. 2 bathroom breaks per quarter. Use them wisely.

--**Make up work is your responsibility.** You are expected to use Office Hours on Thursday to complete make-up work or get additional help.

--Assignments to be turned in at specified due date (**two late assignments accepted per semester with 5 extra credit points deducted per late assignment**)

--**Deadline on late assignments - 2 week deadline and School Wide Missing Work Deadline**

Consequences

1st offense -- verbal warning, possible detention

2nd offense – one or more of the following:

warning, loss of extra credit, conference, loss of group privileges, change of seat, detention

3rd offense -- final warning, 15-minute conference on student time, behavior contract

Severe Clause -- Report to Assistant Principal or Dean

Tardies: School wide policy, Loss of extra credit points at 4⁺ tardy, detention assigned, parent notification on the 4th tardy

Grading and Extra Credit

Your grade is based on cumulative points with points being earned from daily assignments, labs, binder assignments and tests.

Being in class on a daily basis is the key to success. This is a lab based class and I cannot put a lab on Google Classroom.

In addition to the above points, each student will start out with **10 extra credit points**. At the end of the semester, these are added to your total points accumulated. You lose these by turning in two late assignments, being disruptive in class or being tardy. **If you lose the 10 points because of tardies, you may lose the privilege of turning in late assignments. Binder assignments collected periodically for a grade** – It is your responsibility to keep track of the assignments collected for a binder grade.

Other Extra Credit – no extra credit accepted the last 2 weeks of the semester
Bulletin boards pertaining to a biology concept – 10 points (1 per semester)
Comics or articles dealing with biology – (5 per semester @ 2 points/comic or article).

Comics must be original, cannot be printed off the internet
Review sheets for Tests (2+ points – added to the test grade)
Observations you record and share about the natural world
Terminology lists per unit



Missing Work Deadlines for outstanding work - 2 Week Deadline in this class
School Wide Deadlines occur monthly starting in October

Biology Curriculum: Units in this required class fall under the umbrella of the Next Generation Science (NGS) Standards

The standards include four life science core ideas that are blended with
Science and Engineering Practices

LS1: From Molecules to Organisms: Structure and Processes

LS2: Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

LS3: Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

LS4: Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

To look at these in more detail, please click on the link below

[Next Generation Science Standards](#)

Have fun and be a safe, respectful, responsible Knight!

Secrets to success in biology:

Come to class, Stay on Task and do Individual Quality Work

Don't be afraid to ask questions or come in for help during office hours

I am available for help before school or during office hours, not at lunch or at the end of the work day.

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