

## Biology Course Syllabus



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### **Course Overview:**

In this course you can expect that we will have classes involving whole class discussion and note-taking, small group and lab activities, independent activities including problem solving and lab result analysis, and homework (sometimes!). Assignments will include lab analysis, projects, teach the teacher, and more! You will also have quizzes and tests.

### **Materials that you need for each class include:**

1. A pencil
2. A folder (provided by me)
3. An open mind and curious brain 😊

### **Quality Work Standard:**

**Since biology is a keystone tested course, I hold you to a high standard of turning in quality work everyday!**

### **Before you turn in assignments in my class, ask yourself:**

1. Did I follow all directions?
2. Can Miss Till easily understand my answers?
3. Does this reflect my best ability/did I work hard?

### **Grading Policy:**

Your grade will be calculated using a total points system. Each homework, assignment, quiz, and test will be given a point value depending on the difficulty and number of questions.

**Your grade for each quarter will be calculated using the following formula:**

$$(total\ points\ earned / total\ points\ possible) \times 100$$

### **Class Folder:**

You will receive a folder on your first day in class to put your name on and keep all assignments in throughout the course of the quarter. Each quarter, we will clean out the folder, and I will give you participation points for the neatness and organization of this folder.

- Your folder will be color-coded to your class. **You are responsible** for putting your current assignments into this folder and putting graded assignments back into this folder. I will hold onto this folder, there is no need for you to take it home with you!

### **Assignments and Homework:**

Assignments, including laboratory assignments and reports, projects, and worksheets are to be handed in on time, meaning at the time of collection during the class period. **Late assignments will be accepted with a reduction in points by 10% per day.**

If you are absent, the assignment should be turned in within a week of when you return to school following your absence. All assignments are available on Schoology. Assignments that are not turned in on the day that you return to school will be considered late and will follow the late assignment policy (10% point reduction for every calendar day late beginning with the day you return to school).

Homework will be posted on the whiteboard/smartboard and will be completed on loose-leaf and should include: your first and last name, date, class period, and assignment answers.

Homework will always be collected. Homework will count for no more than 10% of your grade.

### **Laboratory:**

The laboratory experiments and exercises as well as lab reports are an extremely important component of the course. You need to develop your laboratory skills, both working with equipment and writing lab analyses, prior to entering college level courses in science, so you should make every effort to attend class on days that we will be conducting an experiment. It is expected that you will adhere strictly to lab policies and procedures at all times. You and your parent/guardian will also be signing a copy of the lab safety policy. You may not participate in any lab experiment until the safety contract has been signed. In the event that you miss a lab experiment, you must make arrangements to complete an alternate assignment. You will have one week from the date of the lab to complete the make-up laboratory assignment; after one week it will become a zero. Laboratory exercises that correspond thematically to the topics will be incorporated throughout each unit and each unit will have a unit test that includes questions that refer to the laboratory experiments.

### **Quizzes and Tests:**

Quizzes and tests will be administered throughout the course at the end of each unit. At the end of each unit, there will be a unit test. A cumulative final will be administered at the end of the course. You should make every effort to attend class, especially on test days. **You will have one week from the test date to make-up a missed test due to absence from class.**

I am so excited for this year with you, and know that if you put your best foot forward, you will always encounter success in my class!

Please sign the bottom of this syllabus to indicate that you have read and understand the expectations for biology!

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