

# BIOLOGY SYLLABUS

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## Class Expectations/Rules

Students are expected to follow the rules outlined in the student handbook and also to follow the basic rules of my class.

1. Respect yourself, your peers and the teacher.
2. Be on time & be prepared with materials needed.
3. Do not expect to be **taught**... Expect to **learn**.

\*\* If you choose to break a rule, you will receive a warning or natural consequence based on class procedures and the ONW Student Handbook.

## Everyday Essentials

- You need to bring the following every day to my class:
  - Yourself!!!
  - A 3 Ring Binder that will hold notes, handouts & homework
  - Your device
  - Something to write with (pen or pencil)
  - Completed homework

## Devices

- **You will need to bring their device daily to class for activities.**
- **You will need to check your synergy page daily**
- **You will need to follow the guidelines of our classroom for use of your devices.**

## Homework

- Homework, notes, observations...etc. are to be kept **in your 3 ring science notebook or in folders digital on you device**. This Notebook or digital folder access needed **EVERY** day.
- Your name, date, & class hour must be written in the upper right hand corner of your assignment.
- Late work may be accepted with a maximum score of 50% **up to the date of the unit exam** that work relates to.

## Exams

- Exams will be given at the end of each unit or chapter.
- If you missed school on the day of an exam you are EXPECTED to take the exam ASAP virtually or when you return to school. Be sure to arrange time to make up an exam ASAP!!!
- **Exams retakes** will be given during the class period as a classroom activity but can also be done during seminar.

## Synergy

- Student needs to check Synergy for assignment that are to be accomplished on that day. If student students miss or are absent from class, they will need to communicate ASAP and will receive one day...then you have two days to make it up...and so-on. If you had an assignment or were supposed to take an exam on the day you were absent, you are expected to turn that assignment in or take the exam within the allotted time of your return to class.
- When you come back from an absence it is **your responsibility** to find out what you missed, please check synergy for content and assignments.

### Labs and Group Activities

Science labs and activities are very exciting, and so everyone will want to participate. **Safety** is my number one priority in my classroom and it will be yours as well when participating in labs and group activities. Grades for these activities are heavily weighed on participation and proper behavior (...following directions, exercising caution, and good judgment...etc.). If your behavior does not meet this standard YOU will not be allowed to continue in the activity and will receive a zero. If the behavior continues in later activities, YOU will no longer be able to participate and will instead be given written work.

### Cheating and Plagiarism:

Claiming someone else's work as your own is **never** permitted. Violations of either cheating or plagiarism will result in: a zero on that assignment, project, quiz or exam; notifying parents/guardian(s) and administration will take note to see if this behavior extends beyond my classroom. If you want to use someone else's work as part of a research paper or assignment, then you need to site the source properly.

### Textbook:

We use the Biology textbook and online resources that go with the text. I will have a classroom set but these cannot be checked out. Students will check out to their textbook through the library or use the online resource on Classlink.

### Evaluation

You will be graded on a point system. Letter grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

100% - 90%	= A
89% - 80%	= B
79% - 70%	= C
69% - 60%	= D
59% or less	= F

**Exams:** 35% of semester grade

**Homework/Discussion Boards:** 25% of semester grade

**Labs/Projects/Class Activities:** 30% of semester grade

**Semester Final:** 10% of semester grade

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\*Concepts Covered in Biology Class:

#### Semester 1

Living Systems

Chemistry in Living Systems

Matter and Energy in Living Systems

Ecosystems: Stability and Change

Cells: Stability and Change

#### Semester 2

The Structure and Function of DNA

Genetics and Heredity

Evidence of Evolution

Patterns of Evolution

Human Impacts on the Environment

# Parent/Guardian Information Sheet

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian(s) First and Last Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print carefully... thank you. ☺)

Best Method/Time to Contact You: \_\_\_\_\_  
Method Time

**\*\*I give my permission for Mr. Clark to communicate with me about my student via email. \_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***It is essential that students receive support in their academic lives both at school and at home. Please take some time to read through the syllabus with your student and acknowledge that you agree to support and encourage your student throughout the course by signing the back page of the syllabus.***

Please fill out the information above and on the back of this page and return with your student tomorrow. Thank you!



# Homework Assignment #1 Biology

As you go over this with your **Parent(s)/Guardian(s)** please place a check mark once you have completed each section of Mr. Clark's Guidelines. Once you have read and understood all the guidelines and expectations please sign and return this sheet to Mr. Clark for your first official **homework assignment worth 20 pts**. There will be a **quiz** over the handout **Wednesday (8/18) or Thursday (8/19)\***.

**\*This is depended on what hour you have my class.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Class Expectations/Rules

\_\_\_\_\_ Everyday Essentials

\_\_\_\_\_ 1:1

\_\_\_\_\_ Homework

\_\_\_\_\_ Exams

\_\_\_\_\_ Absences

\_\_\_\_\_ Labs & Group Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Participation

\_\_\_\_\_ Cheating and Plagiarism

\_\_\_\_\_ Textbook

\_\_\_\_\_ Evaluation

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***\* "I have read the "Biology Guidelines" for Mr. Clark and I understand their contents."***

Student Name (***PRINT***): \_\_\_\_\_ Hour: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_