Biology 2

COURSE SYLLABUS

Teacher: Jeff MacKenzie
Room Location: 121
Course Length: 1 period all year

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Course Content: Biology 2 is intended as a survey of living organisms. Study will be based on the seven kingdom classification system. Specific topics covered in this course include classification, viruses, bacteria, protozoa, chromists, fungi, plants, and vertebrate and invertebrate animals. Dissection labs are a part of this course and all students are expected to participate in these learning experiences.

Academic Honesty: Students are expected to do their own work. Cheating on tests as well as copying from a classmate or allowing a classmate to copy from you is cheating and will result in a score of zero on the assignment in question as well as a detention and a call home to parents. All students have the responsibility to refrain from cheating, plagiarism, or any other form of academic dishonesty.

Homework: Students should work on homework for biology class each night, even though individual assignments are not given daily. Typically, a half hour of concentrated effort should be sufficient to complete assignments. Homework may be in the following formats:

*Study Guides- usually given the first day of a new topic; due the day of the test
*Worksheets- assigned in class, but may need to be finished at home
*Studying for tests and quizzes

Grading Policy:

For each quarter:
45%- daily work
55% quizzes and tests

For each semester:
Your two quarter grades- 85%
15%- final exam at the end of each semester

Grading Scale:
A = 93-100, A- = 90-92, B+ = 87-89, B = 83-86, B- = 80-82, C+ = 77-79, C = 73-76, C- = 70-72, D+ = 67-69, D = 63-66, D- = 60-62, F = 0-59

Absence Work and Due Dates

1. To receive full credit, all assignments must be turned in by the due date/time.

2. Late work will be accepted for up to three days after the due date. If an assignment is turned in during this time period you will only receive 80% credit for the assignment.
3. Any assignment turned in after more than three days late will not receive any credit and cannot be made up.
4. Almost all assignments are posted on Google Classroom. If you miss class you are expected to complete and turn in missed assignments by 11:59 pm on the Sunday after the week in which the assignment was completed. Ask the teacher if assignments or how you can make them up are unclear.

Lab Safety: Students are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner in the science lab. A signed LAB SAFETY CONTRACT must be on file with the teacher in order to conduct any lab experiments. All lab safety rules will be followed. Failure to do so will result in serious consequences including, but not limited to, removal from the classroom or suspension.

Classroom Rules:

1. You are expected to have your Chromebook every day and it should be charged. You should be bringing your charger to school every day in case you need it.
2. Drinks are allowed in class unless the teacher tells you otherwise for a specific day. For example, drinks will not be allowed if we are doing a lab that day.
3. Food is never allowed in class.
4. Use the bathroom before coming to class. The teacher will issue up to three EMERGENCY passes per quarter at the teacher's discretion. If you have a medical problem which requires you the use the restroom more frequently, please provide a doctor's note to the school nurse.
5. Put materials away at the end of each class period.
6. All school rules apply as outlined in your student handbook.

I have read and understand Mr. MacKenzie's rules and grading procedures and I agree to live by them.

Student's signature _____

Parent or guardian's signature _____