Whitmer High School Biology 19-20

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Keep this document for your reference this school year

Materials: for the year

1. Syllabus (signed)
2. Safety Contract (signed)
3. 1 box of Kleenex
4. Goggles
5. Colored Pencils (optional)

Materials: everyday

1.) notebook paper/spiral notebook
2.) folder or binder for papers
3.) pencil #2
4.) pen (black or blue ink only)
5.) chromebook

Course Content: Students will learn about characteristics of living things, biochemistry, cell structures and processes such as photosynthesis, cellular respiration, and cell reproduction. Furthermore, students will study the structure and function of DNA and RNA and how this translates into proteins. Finally, genetics, biotechnology, evolution, classification and ecology will be examined as a part of this course. Hands on learning experiences such as labs are part of this course and are essential for success.

Homework Policy: To be successful you will need to complete all homework when assigned and have completed by the due date. Expect to have homework 3-5 days a week. Late work will not be accepted without a late pass. Late passes must be stapled to work and turned in before unit test.

Grading: Each semester grade will consist of classwork (85%) and the semester exam (15%). The classwork grade will consist of tests (50%) and labs, spiral notebooks, scoresheets, and classwork and homework (50%).

Chromebooks: **Will be used daily** for formative assessments, interactive classroom discussions, and projects. Please charge your chromebooks **before** you come to class as outlets are limited and may cause safety issues when charging due to chords.

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

Absences and make-up work:

- **You** are responsible for your work when you are absent! Get all make-up work the **first** day back from an absence.
- For extended absences please contact me by email or the attendance office to make arrangements to pick up your homework.
- The number of days that you have to make up homework is equivalent to the days that you miss. Example: If you miss two days you have two days to turn in.
- After 5 excused absences all absences will be considered unexcused. Make up work will be reduced to 50% of the earned grade. Please be here!
- If you are removed from the classroom due to behavior make up work will not be provided.

Classroom Rules and Procedures: Follow all Whitmer rules and dresscode.

1. **Be safe**
   - Follow all lab and school safety rules
   - No food or drink in classroom at any time
   - Do not leave the classroom at any time without permission, a pass, wearing school issued ID, and signing out.
2. **Be respectful:**
   - Use kind language when communicating with others
   - Honor other's personal space and belongings
   - Comply with directions the first time given
   - Treat all classroom equipment with care
   - Allow others the best opportunity to learn
   - Follow cell phone policy
3. **Be responsible**
   - Arrive on time
     - 3 tardies = after school detention
     - 6 tardies = Tuesday school
     - 9 tardies = IRP
   - Stay on task
   - Complete and turn in assignments on time with your name (No late work accepted and papers without names will result in zeros)
   - Come prepared with daily materials
   - Use facilities before you come to class. You will be given 3 emergency passes per semester. Please ask for permission and sign out before leaving.

Consequences for breaking classroom rules and procedures.

- 1st One warning/ conference with student
- 2nd Classroom consequence
- 3rd Contact Guardian/Parent for behavior management intervention plan
- 4th After school detention

Please sign and return the bottom portion of this 2019-2020 Biology syllabus.

I have read and understand the information above concerning the Biology class

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Student Signature Print

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Parent/Guardian Signature Print