



WELCOME TO...BIOLOGY I!

Ms. House

Course Syllabus – 2018-2019 – Richland Northeast High School



Contact Information

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Remind Code:

Google Classroom
Code:

Planning Period: 4th Period

Tutoring: Tue & Thu 3:45pm-4:30pm

Class Site:

<http://houseofsciencerne.weebly.com/>

Grading Information

100-90% - A

89-80% - B

79-70% - C

69-60% - D

59% and below – F

All grades will be organized on a point system whereby each assignment is given a number of possible points

There are two categories for grades:

Formative -- Bell Work (5-10pts), Collaborative Classroom Activities (5-20pts), Homework (5-20pts), Quizzes (5-20pts) and **Summative** -- Unit Tests (50-100pts), Projects (50-100pts).

All grades will be documented in Power School, and should be checked regularly.

Supplies

- ★ Textbook: Biology (Miller & Levine) – Replacement Cost: \$93.47
- ★ School administered Chrome book
- ★ Composition Notebook (Interactive Science Notebook) ***THE NOTEBOOK MUST BE KEPT IN CLASS. If it is damaged/lost it is YOUR responsibility to re-create a NEW one.**
- ★ Writing utensils including: pencils, pens, highlighters, colored pencils

Tardy & Attendance Policy

*Report to the nearest tardy station to receive a pass to class and 1 hour of after-school detention. **No pass, no entry.** Students who report more than 45 minutes late to a block class will be marked absent.

*Students may miss no more than ten (10) days in a year-long course and five (5) days in a semester course. This includes all absences documented with a medical note, funeral notice, out-of-school suspension, or parent excuse. (*Board Policy JH Student Absences and Excuses*)

*After an absence, the student must submit a medical or parent note to the school within five (5) days. After five (5) days, the absence may be considered unlawful.

EXCUSES.

“Excuses are the tools of the incompetent. They build monuments of nothingness. Those who specialize in them seldom accomplish anything.”

Entering Class---the “FIRST 4”

- ★ Greet Ms. House
- ★ Enter the classroom in an orderly fashion
- ★ Begin the posted Bell Work assignment
- ★ Copy the homework assignment (if given)

Scope & Sequence

Unit 1: Cells – 20 days

Unit 2: Energy – 10 days

Unit 3: Heredity/Chromosomal Inheritance – 10 days

Unit 4: Molecular Genetics – 15 days

Unit 5: Evolution – 7 days

Unit 6: Ecology – 13 days

Welcome to Biology!

This class will provide opportunities for hands on activities and cooperative learning. A majority of this class will be inquiry (learning to think on your own, problem solving, inferring, and drawing conclusions) and reading based. Students will engage in labs, interactive group simulations, Cornell Note Taking, strategies to break down text and writing activities. An end of course exam (EOC) will be administered which covers the Biology course standards. The test is 20% of the final course grade.

Biology Course Objectives

- ★ To PASS the Biology EOC in 2019.
- ★ To identify basic biological concepts as they relate to the structure, function, and change within living organisms.
- ★ To relate basic biological concepts as they apply to everyday living and the environment.
- ★ To refine laboratory, cooperative skills and problem-solving techniques using The Scientific Method.
- ★ To develop a scientific understanding and curiosity about environmental interactions in order to develop an appropriate set of values about the world.
- ★ To develop a sense of responsibility that leads to motivation, cooperation, and a

Make-Up Work

Students are responsible for making up any missing work. If absent the day a previously announced assignment is due, the work is due the day you return. All assignments not made up will receive a grade of zero.

Testing Procedures

Missed tests must be taken within 3 days. It is the student's responsibility to schedule a convenient time during lunch, after school, or within the testing and tutoring center.

I believe learning occurs by making mistakes. If a desired grade is not achieved, students are permitted to complete a test correction form **once per unit** for a **maximum of 3 times** throughout the course. **Half credit** is awarded per corrected question.

Cheating Policy

Academic Integrity Statement: On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized assistance on this assignment. I understand that any violation of the RSD2 Honor Code will result in academic and disciplinary action.

Consequences of Plagiarism may include but are not limited to: Zero on an assignment, Parent notification, Detention, Suspension, Reduced points on an



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EXPECTATIONS

1. Be PROMPT. Be PRESENT. Be PREPARED
2. Follow all directions and lab procedures the first time.
3. Respect yourself, others, and the classroom.
4. Raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged.
5. Remain seated unless otherwise instructed.

CONSEQUENCES

- ★ Verbal Warning
- ★ Student/Teacher Conference
- ★ Lunch Detention (to be served within 3 days of issue).
Phone call to parent.
- ★ Detention Hours
- ★ Referral/In-School Suspension (ISS)/Out-Of-School
Suspension (OSS)

Lunch Detention:

Students administered lunch detention has 3 school days to serve within my classroom (S-104) for exactly 20 minutes. Lunch detention is not social hour. Students are not permitted to use phones or other devices, work on other assignments, or talk with others. You will be given a task or assignment to complete based on the discretion of the teacher. You are permitted to eat during this time however; the lunch duty task will need to be completed with priority at the same time. Late arrival or incomplete service of time will result in another lunch detention within the 3-day time frame. After 3 days, a discipline notice will be completed for failure to comply with these rules.

Policies and Procedures

All school policies will be enforced in this class.

Entering the room?

- ★ Enter the room quietly and calmly before the bell.
- ★ You are to come prepared for class and ready to work. Interactive Notebook, sharpened pencils/pen, chrome book, textbook, etc. should be brought to class each day, unless you are instructed to do otherwise by the teacher.
- ★ Get all materials before you find your assigned seat, and follow the instructions given on the board/projector.

Bathroom and Hall Passes?

- ★ The bathroom is off limits during the **first and last 15 minutes** of class or instructional time.
- ★ Each student will be given 6 bathroom passes each 9 weeks. No passes, No bathroom. Continue working immediately upon your return.
- ★ If you have a medical emergency, please send a letter from the nurse or from home.

Sharpening and Borrowing Pencils?

- ★ Sharpen pencils at the start of class during bell-work or during assignments that are not lectures or assessments (quizzes, tests). If the class is working on the previously outlined activities: students can lend their ID card to retrieve an already sharpened pencil from the teacher to be returned by the end of the class.

Eating and Drinking in class?

- ★ I do not mind food and drinks in the classroom. However, students are responsible for cleaning their area once done. No food or drink will be permitted in the lab area. If this privilege is abused, it will be taken away.

Participation in Class?

- ★ Students are expected to be actively engaged and on task. Students may not place their head on their desk for any reason. You are a student FIRST and everything else after that SECOND.
- ★ During group work, students are expected to contribute EQUALLY and do their assigned share of work. Failure to do so will result in individual or entire group penalty.

Electronic Devices?

- ★ Chrome books will be utilized ONLY when given permission.
- ★ You are not permitted to access unauthorized websites (including listening to music).
- ★ Students are not permitted to charge any personal devices in my classroom with the exception of chrome books.

Guests in the classroom?

- ★ Stay on task with your assignment and respect their presence. I will continue to teach and all students should continue to learn. Just smile and keep working.
- ★ Substitutes: All classroom rules and procedures should be followed. You are expected to stay on task and submit all work on time. If the substitute reports that you have misbehaved, you will be given detention.

Answering and Asking questions?

- ★ Students are encouraged to ask for help whenever needed! Always remain respectful and raise your hand before you speak. Do not shout out answers or talk while someone else is speaking, including me.

Leaving class?

- ★ I will formally dismiss the class everyday, not the bell.
- ★ You are expected to work until the bell rings **every day** until the last day of school.
- ★ Take care to leave the room in good condition by resetting the desks, picking up any trash, and returning all class materials. You must be seated and will not be allowed to congregate or line up near the door. If this is not followed, I will hold the entire class after the bell.



Student & Parent Course Consent:



We have read the syllabus in its entirety and understand the expectations for Biology and will support Ms. House in her effort to provide an effective learning environment. We also understand that this course is a rigorous course that will require a significant amount of effort on the part of the student.

Student's name (printed)

Date

Student's name (signed)

Class Period

Parents,

Please sign that you have read the information from this class syllabus and provide consent to the following topics:

Teacher Information

Course Description and Objectives

- Biology End of Course Exam

Classroom Supplies *Composition notebook must be purchased (Interactive Notebook)

Grading Policies and Procedures

- Make-Up Work, Late Work and Cheating Policy

Scope and Sequence

Classroom Expectations

- Classroom Rules, Policies and Procedures

I have read and understand the preceding rules of Ms. House's Biology class, along with the handout my student has received entitled: "Course Syllabus." I understand and agree that he/she must abide by them.

Parent/Guardian name (printed)

Date

Parent/Guardian name (signed)

Email address (print neatly)

Daytime phone number

Preferred method of contact:

Email

Telephone (work)

Telephone (home)

Do you have Internet access at home? Yes No

Additional comments – anything you would like for me to know:

Please keep your copy of the syllabus in your class binder/notebook to refer to.