

Standard Biology Course: Syllabus and Expectations

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Textbook: Biology, Miller Levine. Pearson 2010

1. Overview of Units:

a. Scientific Method

b. Ecology

c. DNA Structure

c. Protein Synthesis.

d. Cell Structure and Function

e. Mitosis/Meiosis

h. Genetic Engineering

i. Evolution

j. Classification

K. Microbiology

I. Invertebrates

m. Human Anatomy & Physiology

2. Course Format:

This is a laboratory and discussion-based class with demonstrations and visual aids throughout. Homework will consist of reading the text, checking Schoology for data and worksheets, completing section reviews, and maintaining a science notebook/3-ring binder. Tests are administered at the end of each unit.

3. Course Expectations:

Students enrolled in standard biology are expected to be prepared for class with their iPad, textbook, writing utensil, and paper. They should take notes and complete homework in a timely manner. I also expect students to ask questions and seek help when appropriate. In addition, students are expected to attain passing test scores.

Quarantined students are expected to attend daily live class sessions during your class period. Please use the nickname malin when entering the google meet.

Material will not be presented twice nor will emails be answered about what was covered in class.

4. Rules:

- a. Treat others as you would like to be treated. (Respect)
- **b.** Students are required to bring the following to class: fully charged iPad, pen, pencil, notebook/binder, folder, textbook, student I.D., and the student planner/handbook. A tardy will be issued each time one of the above items is Forgotten. (Ready and Responsible)
- c. Absolutely no gum.

- **d.** <u>Cheating</u> = automatic zero on the assignment and/or test (no warnings) for all involved.
- e. If you are <u>sick or absent</u>, it is your <u>responsibility</u> to obtain notes, worksheets, and/or assignments from <u>Schoology</u>. All <u>missed lessons</u> and <u>links</u> to <u>worksheets</u> are found in <u>Schoology</u>. You have 2 days to make up work from your first day out, then 1 for each subsequent for a max of 5 days to make up any late work or tests. (per handbook)
- f. You must be excused to get a drink or use the restroom.
- g. See MHS handbook for discipline consequences (ex: tardies, inappropriate behavior, unexcused absences, dress code, phones, etc...).
- h. The student is **responsible** for the expense of the textbook and iPad should either be lost or damaged.

5. Grading:

- **a**. A Total points system is used to calculate grades. Grades are determined by dividing an individual student's accumulated point total by the total number of points possible.
- **b**. The following gives the maximum total points/assignment:

TESTS worth a maximum of 100 pts
QUIZZES and LABS worth a maximum of 50 pts
HOMEWORK and PROJECTS points will vary/assignment

- c. Homework is to be turned in at the beginning of class on the assigned date. If no date is assigned, the student is to assume the assignment is due the very next school day. (Ready and Responsible)
- d. 10% deduction/day/assignment for late work.
- e. Notebook/binder check performed randomly to ensure students are on task.
- f. <u>Extra Credit</u> is available every Friday for those students who bring in a current event article pertaining to <u>science</u> (only one/week). The student will present a one-paragraph written summary of the article to the entire class, and then proceed to turn the article and 1 paragraph summary into Mrs. Malin. (5pts./article) There may be other opportunities for EC but no guarantees.

GRADING SCALE MY SCHEDULE A 95-100 C- 77-78 1ST Hr Biology (Rm 41) A- 93-94 D+ 75-76. 2nd Hr Biology (Rm 41) B+ 91-92 D 71-74 3rd Hr Prep B 87-90 D- 73-70 4th Hr Biology (Rm 41)

B- 85-86 F Below 70. 5th Hr Biology (Rm 41)

C+ 83-84 6th Hr Prep C 79-82 7th Hr Biolog

7th Hr Biology (Rm 41) Potter Hour (Rm 44)