



Honors Biology 2018-2019

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Course Description

Honors biology is a semester long EOC course. During the semester students will study the major concepts regarding living organisms and how they relate to their lives. It is expected that honors level students are prepared to take responsibility for their own academic success. This class will promote both independent work, group activities, and critical thinking. Students will use several different strategies to learn including: lectures, activities/labs, and readings.

Materials

- Pens and/or Pencils
- Highlighter
- 2" Binder
- Composition Notebook
- Lined loose paper
- Post Its
- Dividers (at least 12)
- Colored pencils (optional)

One or Two of the following:

- Copy paper (for student use)
- Box of tissues
- Bottle of hand sanitizer
- Lysol Wipes

Grading

Test 70%
Quizzes 20%
Assignments 10%

-Assignments are both homework and in class assignments.

Homework

Assignments are chosen to reinforce and extend concepts covered in class.
Homework is due at the beginning of class for full credit!

Late Assignments

1 day late=**80%**, 2 days late=**70%**, 2+ days late= **50%**
Assignments will be accepted until the end of each quarter.

Rules and Expectations

"You are free to choose but you are not free from consequences."

- Arrive to class on time and be ready to work every day.
- Do your own work/NO CHEATING!
- No phones during lecture/notes
- No eating in class
- Dispose of trash and clean up after class
- Be respectful
- Do not interfere with my teaching and others' learning

Attendance

Students are expected to be at school each day and on time. Students who miss more than 10 days per course will be required to complete recovery or receive a grade of "F" for the semester.

Students are responsible for making sure they obtain any missing assignments and arrange a date to turn in missing work. Arrangements must be made within 5 days of the absence.

Late policy: If you are more than 1/2 the class period late, you will be marked absent as/per CMS rules. If you have more than 1 late in a week, you will be required to make up the missed time during your lunch or after school.

Assessment

Assessment will mainly be tests. Tests are given for each unit and on no particular day. If students achieves a **grade lower than an 80%** on the test, they may **retake**.

*Quizzes may not be retaken.

Students will be responsible for completing remediation for the retest. After they have completed the remediation they must make arrangements to retake the test. The highest grade a student may receive on a retake is an **79%(C)**.

Tutoring

Tutoring will be available Tuesdays 2:15-3:00
Students are expected to come ready with questions.

There are also lots of resources available on my website!

Google Classroom:

4th Block: **r1vdnpr**

Contact

The best way to contact me is through email. I will return all emails within 24 hrs.

dawn.snyder@cms.k12.nc.us

Also, please make sure that the school has all updated phone numbers in case of an emergency.

Parents/Guardians,

I am so excited to be teaching your child this semester! Please take a moment and visit my website for some great resources to help your child including: videos, study guides, and classroom notes. The best way that you can help your child is by making sure that their binders are organized, and that they are continually working on their review sheets. There is a review sheet tab on my website. I will post tips and examples on there. We will also be using Google Classroom this year. I am always available by email if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Snyder