

General Biology 2022-2023

Class Information

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Class Overview:

This course studies the interactions of living things and the environment surrounding them. General topics include: scientific method, evolution, classification, cell biology, genetics, ecology, and the survey of organisms within the six kingdoms. The course is enhanced with laboratory experiences, group activities, and projects. Emphasis is on cooperative learning and problem solving. Students will be able to present projects through computer-aided programs.

Class Requirements

iPad

3-ring binder

Writing Utensil

Grading - Grades will be based on the Lexington High School grade scale.

Final grade breakdown per quarter:

Assessments 40%

Classwork 25%

Labs/Projects 35%

Semester #1 = Q1 =45%; Q2 =45%; Final =10%

Semester #2 = Q3 =45%; Q4 =45%; Final =10%

Expectations

- It is always ok to ask for help.
- Try to do your very best work.
- It is always ok to be kind to others.
- Respect everyone, including yourself.
- There will be consequences for disruptive behavior.

Plagiarism/Cheating

-Any student found plagiarizing work or cheating will get a zero for that assignment. Just don't do it.

Classroom Rules

- Honesty is ALWAYS the best policy.
- Be nice.
- Be safe.

Absent policy

- Students will be held accountable for all missed assignments, notes, etc. for any absence.
- Students will be considered tardy if they are not in their seats and ready to work when the bell rings. The first tardy is a warning, the second tardy will result in a 30-minute detention.
- Late work will be accepted but only at a maximum of 50% credit.
- If students miss class due to a school function, your work must be made up ahead of time.
- If you miss a lab, you need to read three articles from sciencenews.org and write a five-sentence summary of the articles. Articles are available in the classroom.
- Students absent for personal reasons will follow the two-day rule: you will have two days to make up the work per each day of absence. However, all work must be made up within 5 days.

Detentions - Detentions will be given for continually disruptive behavior and are to be served within 24 hours.

By signing this paper, the student agrees to be held accountable for all of the expectations and rules in this syllabus for Mrs. Watson's class. Violations of rules will result in disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct.

Student (print): _____

Student (signature): _____

Parent (print): _____

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