

BIOLOGY
Lincoln High School 2017-2018

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Course Description: Biology is the study of life. It is a rapidly changing field that encompasses a wide range of topics from structure of life to the interaction of living organisms between themselves and their environment. Special emphasis is placed on the scientific method as a way to answer a wide variety of questions about life and the universe. Emphasis is also placed on the characteristics that **ALL** living organisms share, which include the following: a genetic blue print, a cellular make up, growth and development, the ability to reproduce, reaction and response, energy use, evolution, and homeostasis. Students will not only gain a basic body of knowledge that explores our current understanding of biological themes, but will also investigate current events, issues, and technology.

Course Goals: My goal is to provide instruction that will aide in your understanding of biology, enhance your in interest in biological processes, and able you to complete this course successfully. We will use a variety of methods to reach these goals including lab-based activities, individual and group work, and projects.

Grading Policy: Grades are weighted as follows: labs and projects = 30% classwork and homework = 20% , exams, quizzes = 35%, finals = 10%, and participation = 5%. Participation points are given for regular and on time attendance and full participation in all class activities. Below are the percentages and corresponding grades that will be used in this class:

105% & ↑ = A+	87-89% = B+	77-79% = C+	67-69% = D+	54%&↓ = F
93-104% = A	83-86% = B	73-76% = C	63-66% = D	
90-92% = A-	80-82% = B-	70-72% = C-	60-65% = D-	

*** I will phone home if your grade drops below a C-!!!**

Late Work Policy: In order to keep up in this course, it is imperative that all work is complete and on time. Students will be given partial credit for any and all late work with in the 6-week grading period.

* Academic Dishonesty: All cases or cheating and plagiarism will result in an automatic 0 for the assignment and will be dealt with according to the Lincoln Handbook

Class Rules and Expectations:

- **BE ON TIME:** If you are not in your seat when the bell rings, you will be marked tardy.
- Come to class **PREPARED** and ready to work.
- **BE RESPECTFUL:** to the teacher, to each other, and to the classroom.
- **CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES** are **NOT** permitted in this classroom unless I give you permission. They will be confiscated when used inappropriately. **THIS IS YOUR ONLY WARNING!**

Inappropriate Behavior: Behavior (verbal and non-verbal) that disrupts the learning environment in any way, shape, or form is considered to be inappropriate and will **NOT** be tolerated in this classroom.

Adhere to the Lincoln Hand Book for proper dress code and etiquette.

MINOR OFFENSES:

First offense: verbal warning

Second offense: student / teacher conference and possible detention

Third offense: phone call home or parent / teacher conference and possible detention

Continued offense: administrative intervention

MAJOR OFFENCES: immediate removal from class

******Not all forms of disruption are the same and some may need to be dealt with on an individual basis.

*****ELASTIC CLAUSE:** Nothing is ever set in stone, I have the right to change and or add rules as needed!

Materials and Resources:

Each student is responsible for and must bring a pen, pencil, and paper to school each day. You will also be required to bring a Notebook or Composition warm ups, notes, and labs

In order to be successful in this course, it is imperative that you work hard on all assignments and assessments. To ensure your success, there are some important policies that you need to be aware of.

Biology office hours: 3:10 – 4:00 every Monday or by appointment

- Students may be assigned to come to these hours for the following reasons:
 - o Make up or finish incomplete or missing assignments
 - o Make up or finish quizzes and exams
 - o Correct quizzes and exams that have received a failing grade

******* If you fail to attend an assigned biology office hours, disciplinary measures may be taken.