

Biology Syllabus 2011-2012

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Course Description

This course is intended for students who are planning on taking chemistry and AP biology as future science classes. Students who are taking this class should be working toward entering a public or private four year university after high school. The curriculum for this class is created from the California State standards for biology and it will be taught at the college prep level. The course will take an active approach to teach the information with the goal of student excellence on standardized exams and in future science classes. During the first semester students will cover the following topics: the scientific process, ecology, chemistry, cellular structure and functions, cell energetics, and genetics. The second semester will cover the following topics: DNA, biotechnology, evolution, and human physiology. We will be supplementing the textbook to enrich the curriculum which will help foster student success.

Class Conduct

Conduct in the classroom can be summed up in three easy to follow guidelines: 1) **Respect yourself;** 2) **Respect others;** 3) **Respect the classroom.**

Class Materials

You will be responsible for bringing the following materials to class. If an item is not needed, I will work to give advance notice. **When in doubt, bring all materials!**

1. **Biology Spiral notebook**
2. **Pen and pencil**
3. **Calculator**

Grading

Scholarship grades will be divided into the following categories: Tests/Quizzes (40%), Labs (25%), Homework (15%), and Final (20%). **Late work will not be accepted.** If a student is absent for an exam or lab (with an approved excuse), they will be responsible for making it up or completing an alternate assignment before school by the end of the following week. Students shall have 1 day to turn in late work for every day that they are absent. Cheating will not be tolerated and the guidelines set out in the Academic Honesty Policy of the Eastlake High School bulletin will be followed.

Grading Scale

A = 100% - 89.5%

B = 89.4% - 79.5%

C = 79.4% - 69.5%

D = 69.4% - 63%

F = 62.9% or below

Citizenship grades are composed of class conduct and coming to class on time and are explained on my citizenship rubric. The attached rubric will be used to grade the citizenship of students

GRADES WILL BE ONLINE at JUPITERGRADES.COM. You are responsible to check your student's grades as often as necessary. Please contact me if there is a concern about their performance in this class.

Please LOGIN to the website using the username and password given to your student. Please enter your current email address to receive email notifications.

Initial if you agree to the following conditions:

_____ I have read and agree to the terms of this document

_____ I have logged in to JUPITERGRADES.COM using the instructions my student brought home today

_____ I have imputed my email address

_____ I know that I am responsible to check the grades of my student as often as necessary.

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature and Date: _____

Parent Signature and Date: _____