

Course: **Biology I**
Teacher: Mr. Darrow
Conference Period: 2nd period
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Class supplies: 3 ring binder
loose leaf paper
#2 and colored pencils
black or blue pens

Class rules:

- 1) Be on time
- 2) Be prepared
- 3) Be respectful
- 4) Behave

Biology department grading policy:

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| Tests | = | 55% |
| Labs & quizzes | = | 30% |
| Daily work | = | 15% |

Classroom procedures

1. Participation in class is important and encouraged in each and every student. Tests and quizzes will come directly from the material presented in class discussions, notes, and labs.
2. Late work will be accepted as per the district policy. If you are absent, IT IS UP TO YOU TO ASK US FOR MAKE UP WORK. Ask for your missed assignments the day that you return to class.
3. Make up missed labs as quickly as possible. Some of the labs involve plants or chemical compounds that may lose their ability to produce valid results. Please make every effort to be present on lab days.
4. There is never an excuse to fail a test. Take advantage of retest if you do not pass a test.

Academic outline for the year:

1st six weeks

Biochemistry
Cells/Cell transport

2nd six weeks

Cell energy
Cell growth/reproduction
Protein synthesis

3rd six weeks

Fundamentals of Genetics
Applications of Genetics

4th six weeks

Evolution
Classification/Taxonomy
Animal systems

5th six weeks

Animal Systems (cont.)
Plant Systems/Responses

6th six weeks

Ecology

Retest policy:

Retests will be administered according to department policy and can be found on my website.

Electronic Devices Policy:

All phone and other telecommunication devices ARE NOT permitted in the classroom unless specifically directed for use by the teacher. Electronic devices are a distraction and detract from the learning environment. Students will be allowed to use phones as a calculator or timer, for example, at the teacher's discretion. The consequences for the use of electronics in the classroom are as follows:

1st and 2nd infractions - Device is confiscated for the remainder of the class period.

3rd infraction - Device is confiscated for the remainder of the class period, and e-mail is sent to student's parent and coach/sponsor.

4th infraction - Device is confiscated for the remainder of the class period, e-mail is sent to student's parent, and student receives an "N" in conduct for the six weeks. This will result in the loss of exemption for the final exam in the class.

5th infraction - Device is confiscated for the remainder of the class period, e-mail is sent to student's parent, student receives a "U" in conduct for the six weeks which results in the loss exemptions for all classes for the semester, and a written discipline referral to the student's assistant principal.

On test or quiz days, if a student's mobile telecommunication device is seen out and/or being used, the student will receive a grade of 0 on that test or quiz, no exceptions.

* Refusal to put device away, or to surrender device on request, will elevate consequences directly to a principal referral.