



KHS Pre-AP Biology



Supplies needed daily for Biology:

- Pencil/Pen
- Composition Book (NOT SPIRAL)

It is very important that you bring your supplies with you every day!!

Additional supplies based on class period:

- 2) Tape (clear, office tape)
- 4) Tissue Box
- 6) Colored paper (Not construction paper)
- 8) Highlighters

Grading Guidelines

Daily grades	40%
Major grades (labs/projects, reports)	60 %

Teacher Information

Ms. Angela Rosales

Room: 261

Conference Periods: 1st period

Tutorials: Thursdays from 2:50 to 3:50

- A biology teacher will be available after school Monday through Thursday for tutorials

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What to expect from the teacher:

- A positive, productive, and engaging learning environment.
- Accurate and timely communication.
- Prompt grading, posting, and returning of daily work, tests, and labs to students.
- Provide the necessary support for student success in class.

What we expect from you:

- ☞ Accept responsibility for your own learning.
- ☞ Ask questions if you do not understand.
- ☞ Actively Participate
- ☞ Come to class prepared with needed materials each day.
- ☞ Arrive to class on time.
- ☞ Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will result in a grade penalty.
- ☞ Aim for SUCCESS!

PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BIOLOGY CLASS

- **Start of class:** Be in your seat starting your bell activity **when** the tardy bell rings.
- **Assignments:** Bring **all** assigned materials to class **every** day.
- **Respect:** Respect all adults and each other's **personal** thoughts, opinions, belongings, etc.
- **Questions:** Raise your **hand** if you have questions and/or comments during class.
- **Food/Drinks:** NO food in class. You may have bottled water in the classroom but not in the lab.
- **Restroom:** Use the passing period to take care of any **personal business** (Ex. water or restroom).
- **Policies:** Follow **all** school and district policies (**Dress code** will be strictly enforced).
- **Behavior:** Remain seated and attentive. Discussion is encouraged when in groups but stay on topic.
- **Electronic Devices:** Cell phones must be kept out of sight during class unless instructed by teacher.

Make up Work

If you know you are going to be absent in advance, request and pick up make-up work before the missed class.

If a student is absent, he/she has the amount of time equal to the number of days absent to make up the work. (Ex. A student who was absent for 2 days has 2 days after their return to school to make up their assignment)

REMEMBER: It is the RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT to obtain the make-up work. I will not remind you!

If you miss a test...

1. If you miss the day of the test, be ready to take the test the day you return to class (you may come and take it after school).
2. Exam reviews are a privilege. If you are absent on the day of a review, you will be expected to take the exam when you return to class.

Extra Credit Policy for Biology

Extra credit will be offered at the discretion of the teacher. The extra credit may be applied to labs, tests, or projects as determined by the teacher.

Tardy and Tutorial Policy

- Because there is a **warning** bell, you are expected to be in your seat and working on the bell activity when the **tardy** bell rings.
- If you are **tardy**, you must have an official **pass**.
- **Tardy** students without a pass will receive a disciplinary **consequence** including detention or office referral.
- **Tutorial** attendance is mandated by the state for failing students and truancy will be assigned to those students not attending tutorials when assigned due to a failing grade.

Homework Policy

Homework is supplementary exercise that is assigned to be completed at home and is an extension of the assignment or concepts that were covered through guided practice in class. Homework is an effective tool in developing responsibility, study habits, and skills. It is an extension of the learning process and involves the home in the student's curriculum.

Most homework for Pre-AP will be done online and students will be given a week to complete the assignment.

- Students are expected to complete all homework assignments given.
- Students are expected to review each daily concept every night.
- Students are expected to complete any incomplete in-class assignments the same evening for homework in addition to any supplementary material assigned.

Late Work Policy

Assignments are expected to be turned in on the due date. Late work will be penalized 10 points per day for the first three days. After the third day, a maximum grade of a 70 **may** be assigned.

Course Description and Outline

Biology is devoted to the study of living things and their processes. Throughout the year this course will provide an opportunity for students to develop scientific process skills, laboratory techniques, and an understanding of the fundamental principles of living organisms. Through inquiry based learning students will explore biological science as a process, cell structure and function, genetics and heredity, evolution and classification, the diversity of living organisms and their ecological roles, as well as, an introduction to animal structure and function. In May, the Biology end-of-course exam (EOC/STARR) will be administered, which will cover all objectives taught within the course.

1st 9wks (Aug.22-Oct. 20):

- Lab Safety, Ecology, Biochemistry and cell structure/function

2nd 9wks (Oct.23-Dec. 22):

- Cell structure/function, Photosynthesis/Respiration and Cell cycle

3rd 9wks (Jan.9-March 9):

- Protein Synthesis, Genetics, Evolution and Classification

4th 9wks (March 19-June 1):

- Microorganisms, Plants, Body Systems, Animal Kingdom, Dissections

Please acknowledge and sign that you have read and understood the rules and procedures of this course and agree to abide by these to the best of your ability.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Student: _____