



Thurgood Marshall High School
2015-2016 General Biology Course Syllabus

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Textbook: Texas Biology HMH

Purpose of course:

Biology is the study of all living things and their interactions with the environment. This course includes the study of the structure and function of living organisms, energy transformations, comparative survey of life process, diversity of life, and the interdependence of organisms and their environment. Investigations emphasize process skill development and safe manipulation of laboratory apparatus and materials in the field and laboratory.

Summary of course Content:

Lab safety and Scientific Process
Cells and Cell Processes
Genetics
Evolution
Classification (characteristics of kingdoms)
Ecology
Plant and Animal Process
Viruses and Infectious Disease

<u>Grading Procedures:</u>	
Major Grades: 50%	A= 90-100
Tests, Projects, and other Assignments	B= 80-89
Daily Grades:	C= 75-79
Quizzes, Labs, Homework, Daily Dose and other Assignments	D= 70-74
	F= 69 and below

Academic Integrity:

ANY FORM OF CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!! A student caught cheating will receive a zero for that assignment and the parent/guardian will be notified.

Classroom Assignments:

All assignments are due at the BEGINNING of class on the due date given by the teacher. It is the student's responsibility to write down each assignment, COMPLETE, and SUBMIT on the due date. ANY ASSIGNMENT SUBMITTED LATER IN THE CLASS PERIOD OR LATER THAT DAY IS CONSIDERED LATE. There will be 5 points deducted each day the assignment is late.

Late work policy

1st day –full credit

2nd day-70

3rd day- 50

Any day after that is a zero.

Absences:

It is the student's responsibility to ask the teacher for make-up work immediately upon returning to school. If a test was scheduled before the student was absent, the student may be required to take the test the day he/she returns. If an absence is anticipated, please notify the teacher early enough to receive assignments ahead of time. **If a student is absent the day of a test or quiz, it must be made up during the next class period.**

Test:

Test will be announced at least 3 days before a test. Any student absent the day before the test will still be required to take the test on the original day. Any student absent during test day, will be expected to test the day of return.

Retesting:

The option is giving for students who made less than 75% on a major exam. Student must attend a tutorial session or complete approved remediation activities prior to taking a test. **The maximum score that may be earned on a retest is 75%.**

Required Materials:

Composition Notebooks

Blue or Black Ink pens

Line notebook paper

Glue Sticks

Kleenex

Hand Soap

#2 Pencils

Colored Pencils

Classroom Rules:

Respect your teacher, other students, and yourself!

Be on time for Class! (take care all personal needs before entering the door)

Bring all necessary materials needed for class!

No cell phone use without the teacher permission.

NO EATING OR DRINKING IN CLASS! (gum,candy,chips,etc.)

NO PROFANITY!

Tips to be successful in Biology

Turn in work on time.

Be prepared.

Take notes.

Be positive and bring you're A game to class!

Be on your best behavior at all times.

Ask questions

2015-2016 Course Requirements Acknowledgement Page

Students please initial each statement.

____ I have carefully read and understand these course requirements for Ms. Alesia Johnson's General Biology class. I will honor them at all times. I understand the consequences for not doing so.

____ I am aware of the test retake policy

____ I am aware of the academic integrity policy

____ I am aware of all materials needed for this class

____ I am aware of all classroom rules.

Student Name (please Print)

Student Signature

Period

Date

Parents/Guardians please initial each statement.

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Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Home/Cell Phone Number