



BIOLOGY SYLLABUS 2018-2019

Cesar Chavez Academy High School

Instructor: Mrs. Ruby

Location: Mod B

Office Hours: Tuesday 3:00pm - 4:00pm,
or by appointment

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: Welcome! Biology is a two-semester course that studies the science of living things. This course will provide a comprehensive introduction to the major topics of modern biology, such as, cells, biochemistry, energy transformations, genetics, molecular biology, evolution, ecology, biotechnology, and a representative study of the kingdoms of living things.

UNITS OF STUDY:	<u>1st Semester</u>	<u>2nd Semester</u>
	Unit 1: Biology Basics	Unit 5: Heredity
	Unit 2: Cells	Unit 6: Evolution
	Unit 3: Energy Flow	Unit 7: Ecology
	Unit 4: Genetics	Unit 8: Human Body

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- 3-ring binder
- Notebook or notebook paper
- Pen and/or pencil
- Highlighter or colored pen

****REMEMBER** IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING THESE THINGS WITH YOU EVERY DAY!**

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

- Students are expected to **be present** and active members of the classroom each and every day.
- Students are expected to come to class **prepared** with all necessary materials and completed assignments to learn and participate in all activities.
- Students are expected to **be respectful** of the teacher, the classroom, and their peers.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES:

Students who are not acting present, coming prepared, and being respectful will lose class participation points (minor grades category) and earn one of the following consequences:

- Warning in class
- Removal from class activity AND parent contact
- Teacher/Student conference during or after class AND parent contact
- After school detention AND parent contact
- Written referral and removal from class AND parent contact

Entering the classroom:

- (1) Walk in calmly and quietly.
- (2) Place your cell phone in your appropriate phone cubby.
- (3) Go to your seat, and take out your bell work sheet.
- (4) On your own, complete the bell work displayed on the board.
- (5) Wait silently for further instruction from the teacher.

Class dismissal/Exiting the room:

- (1) Please remain seated until I dismiss you.
- (2) Once dismissed, push in your chairs and exit the room in an orderly manner out the second door by the white board. Make sure to grab your phone on the way out!

CELL PHONES:

You are required to silence or turn off your cell phone and put it in your assigned cubby **at all times** during class. In case of emergency, parents/guardians must inform the main office to take necessary steps in delivering the message through the appropriate channels.

ATTENDANCE:

- **Tardiness:** If you are tardy, please quietly take a seat when you arrive. Instructions should be written on the board so that you can get to work.
- **THREE TARDIES** will result in a phone call home and a detention

ABSENT/LATE WORK:

- Missing work must be completed **within one day** of student's return. Look in the "Absent Bin" crate in our room. The folders are numbered by days of the month. *Example: If you were absent on September 7th, you would look into the folder labeled "7" to find your missing work.*
- If you're absent on the day of a quiz/test, you must see Mrs. Ruby to arrange a make-up quiz within one week's time.
- Students who are late/absent due to security issues (i.e. disciplinary action, dress code violations) are still responsible for any assignments given in class that day.
- It is the student's (YOUR) responsibility to get any missing work!

GRADES PER SEMESTER:

- 50% Major Grades Tests, quizzes, comprehensive projects, labs.
- 50% Minor Grades Weekly bell work quizzes, participation, classwork, homework

GRADING SCALE:

A → 100-93	B+ → 89-87	C+ → 79-77	D+ → 69-67
A- → 92-90	B → 83-86	C → 76-73	D → 66-63
	B- → 82-80	C- → 72-70	D- → 62-60
			F → <60

FOOD/DRINK: No food will be allowed at any time, unless provided by instructor for learning purposes.

Both you and your parents/guardians must sign and return the Syllabus Contract and Lab Safety Agreement.

These papers will be your first homework assignment for a total of 10 points.

LET'S HAVE A WONDERFUL YEAR!

"Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out"
-Robert Collier

BIOLOGY STUDENT/PARENT CONTRACT

I, _____, agree to fulfill the responsibilities explained in this **course syllabus** and **lab safety agreement** to the best of my ability - thus becoming a successful student in this classroom. The signatures below also allow the student to be photographed and videotaped if necessary in regards to **Biology** projects and activities. This contract, signed and filled out, is worth 10 homework points. Keep the course syllabus in your binder for future reference.

Student's signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Best number to be reached: _____

E-mail (Please Print): _____

Any additional information you would like me to know: