**Biology I**

Biology I is a laboratory based course and is required for graduation. Students will take the SATP2 exam at the end of the course.

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**Required Class Materials**
- 3-ring binder
- Filler paper
- Pencils
- colored pencils
- Index Cards
- 6 folder dividers
- Five or more highlighters
- $10 laboratory fee

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**Instructional Objectives:**
- Apply inquiry-based and problem-solving processes and skills to scientific investigations.
- Describe the biochemical basis of life and explain how energy flows within and between living systems.
- Investigate and evaluate the interaction between living organisms and their environment.
- Analyze and explain the structures and function of the levels of biological organization.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the molecular basis of heredity.
- Demonstrate an understanding of principles that explain the diversity of life and biological evolution.

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**Tutoring**
Tutoring is offered T-Th mornings starting at 7:50AM

**Tuesday- Rm. 116**
(Quinn)

**Wednesday- Rm. 118**
(Driggers)

**Thursday- Rm. 112**
(Nelson)

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**Grades**

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Students are responsible for checking their grades frequently through PowerSchool.
LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

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**Attendance**
Attendance is extremely important in Biology I, as the course moves quickly and it is extremely easy to fall behind. In the case of excused absences, students have two days after their return to school to make up missed assignments. In case of unexcused absences, the student will not be allowed to make up the work. It is a student’s responsibility to obtain make up work.
EXEMPTION POLICY

No exemptions are allowed for the first quarter exam.

The school exemption policy will be followed for the second quarter exam.

LABORATORY

As Biology I is a laboratory based class, students will be required to conduct laboratory investigations in controlled settings. Safety is of paramount importance in a lab and specific lab rules and regulations must be followed. Students will pass a quiz on lab safety protocol before conducting laboratory investigations.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Electronic devices may only be used in class with teacher permission. See handbook for more information.

Extra Credit

Given the rigorous nature of the course, no extra credit work will be assigned, although occasionally there may be bonus points added to assignments.

PLAGIARISM/CHEATING

Plagiarism is the taking ideas and writings of another and passing them off as one’s own.

In this class, plagiarism includes (but is not limited to) ...

1. turning in another’s work as one’s own
2. copying any work from another person before class or in class
3. including a source but failing to cite it
4. copying an author’s exact words and passing them off as one’s own

Students caught plagiarizing will be given a ZERO for the assignment and the parent/guardian will be notified.

I look forward to working with you this semester! Please don’t ever hesitate to contact me or to come to me personally with questions or concerns about content or grades.

COMMUNICATION

I will be communicating with parents and students frequently throughout the semester. I highly encourage all parents and students to sign up for my Remind 101 updates. All students will join my Google Classroom, and I will invite parents to get weekly updates. This is a great way to keep up with quizzes, projects, and tests! If you ever have any questions, do not hesitate to email me!