

BIOLOGY

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Course Description

The basic biology class explores the world of living organisms. The study of ecology, populations and ecosystems will be covered utilizing the local wood lot and Mill Creek area as a laboratory resource. Further study will cover such topics as matter and energy in life, cellular structure and function, cellular division, genetics and natural selection. Proficient use of laboratory tools such as the microscope and scientific probe ware, along with laboratory skills and methods, will be emphasized throughout the year.

Textbook

Biology by Glencoe 2012. McGraw-Hill Education

Each student will be issued a copy of this textbook. New textbooks are \$90.00. You are responsible for returning the same copy of the text that you are issued in the same condition in which it was issued. If you lose or damage the textbook you will be responsible for paying a replacement or damage fee. Leaving (hiding) your book in the classroom does not make the teacher responsible for the book. It could be lost or stolen. All textbooks must be covered. No cloth covers allowed.

Grading Scale: (Letter to Percent)

A+ = 100 to 98%	B+ = 89 to 88%	C+ = 79 to 78%	D+ = 69 to 68%
A = 97 to 93%	B = 87 to 83%	C = 77 to 73%	D = 67 to 63%
A- = 92 to 90%	B- = 82 to 80%	C- = 72 to 70%	D- = 62 to 60% Failure = Below 60%

Semester Grade Computation: This grade consists of the following:

Quarter grades = 42% each quarter
Semester Exam = 16%

You will receive points for a wide variety of assignments and assessments. These will include homework, quizzes, labs, projects, and exams. Additionally, student participation and effort may be a part of your overall grade. Your grade will be based on your percent of the total possible points. This is calculated by dividing your total number of points earned by the total number of points possible in the class.

As a member of the class there are certain expectations and responsibilities for each person. The expectations include but are not limited to: coming to class prepared, having appropriate materials, taking notes, not disrupting the class, answering/asking questions and working cooperatively in lab groups and turning in all assignments.

Late and Makeup Work

Late work will be accepted at 50% of the value. It must be completed within 10 class days in order to receive any credit. Large projects will be marked down 10% for each day past the due date.

Absences: Make up work is the responsibility of the student! Students are allowed one day, for each day they miss, to make up any assignments due to an excused absence. No credit is given for unexcused absences.

Classroom Expectations

1. Come to class on time; prepared to participate.
2. Respect your own space and everyone else's space.

This could include such things as:

- Do your own work (respect your own ability to learn)
- Contribute to this class and allow others to do the same.

3. You are responsible for your actions. Think before you act.

School Policies

- We will follow the guidelines set in the Park High School Student Handbook for student attendance, appearance, behavior and other issues.

Discipline

In a culture of respect and responsibility the expectation is that students will treat each other as well as teachers and staff with respect. Therefore, words or actions that are disrespectful or that prevent us from accomplishing our tasks will be dealt with using the following discipline procedures.

1. Verbal warning.
2. One-on-one meeting with student after class.
3. Written referral and contact parents.
4. Removal to Principal's office. In-school-suspension (ISS) or other formal disciplinary action may result.

* Certain actions, especially those of a dangerous, offensive, or disrespectful nature, will be dealt with immediately and will result in the student being removed to the office.

Additional classroom expectations for Mr. Mogen's classes

1. No food is allowed in the science classroom unless approved by instructor.
2. Water (in a sealable container) will be allowed in the classroom unless we are having lab. This is a revocable privilege. No other drinks are allowed at any time.
3. You may not have your phone out for any reason (including checking the time) unless instructed to do so by the teacher.
4. Using your phone or ipod for music is an earned privilege and may only be used at the teacher discretion.
5. You are allowed 3 hall/bathroom passes per quarter. Use them wisely. Unused passes may be turned in for extra credit points at the end of each quarter.

Materials & Expenses

1. Three ring binder (1 or 1½ inch) – with dividers
2. Lined paper
3. Pen and pencil
4. Flash drive (something so you can store your work and then take it with you)
5. Colored pencils for projects/drawing
6. \$5.00 Fee for Field Trip. *Scholarship for field trip fee available on need basis.

How to be successful in Biology:

- Be in class every day.
- Take pride in his/her work.
- Be organized.
- Have a good working relationship with others in the class.
- Be open with the teacher about difficulties you are having learning the material or things in the classroom which are impeding your learning. Seek help when needed!
- Be consistent in your daily work.
- Prepare carefully for exams.
- Look for things in the subject (Biology) that interest you or connect to your life.
- Be honest. You can be a person of integrity every day.
- Attend Gold Ranger Fridays, if necessary, for additional academic help.

Academic Honesty

In order to realize their full potential for learning, students must complete their own work. Any form of cheating or plagiarism is unacceptable. Using another person's words, ideas, or work as your own will result in a failing grade. Additionally, any student who knowingly allows another student to use his or her assignment will also receive a failing grade. Administration and parents will be contacted in cases of academic misconduct.