Biology I Syllabus

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**DESCRIPTION:** This course will introduce you to the basics of biology – living science. We will focus on the five domains of biology as set forth by the Georgia Department of Education. These five domains are: Cells, Organisms, Genetics, Ecology, and Evolution. At the completion of the course, you will have a broad knowledge base of living organisms and natural processes. There will be an End of Course Test at the completion of the semester that will count as 20% of the final grade.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

1. spiral notebook (75 pages or more)
2. loose-leaf notebook paper
3. pencil or pen
4. color pencils
5. glue stick
6. pencil sharpener

# NOTEBOOKS

Each student is strongly urged to keep a notebook. Because of the workload for the block semester, a three-ring notebook is recommended. Paper folders do not hold up and are not large enough to hold all of the work. This notebook should be used only for biology.

# HOMEWORK/CLASSWORK

Homework is graded either on a completion basis or right from wrong depending upon the individual assignment. All homework is due at the beginning of class; therefore it should be completed before entering the class. No time will be given to complete homework on the day the work is due.

**CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR**

Students are expected to come to class on time and be prepared with the required materials. There is to be **NO FOOD OR DRINKS** in the classroom. The instructor reserves the right to require that food or drinks be disposed of.

# QUIZZES

Quiz grades may include, but are not limited to, vocabulary quizzes, reading quizzes, video quizzes, and written assignments.

# TESTS

A test will be given at the end of each major topic. Tests will include material covered in class notes, labs, and any drawing that may apply to the topic. Students will have notes and/or drawings in their notebook, which they need to use in order to study. Test format will include multiple choice, fill-in-the blank, and essay questions and will be cumulative.

**EOCT**

An End-of-course test will be given at the end of the semester. This is a cumulative test that will count as 20% of the grade. The binder will need to be kept in order to adequately study for the EOCT. The binder will consist of notes, review, and other material that will be helpful in studying for the EOCT. Not taking the EOCT will result in No Credit for the class.

# MAKE-UP WORK

All make-up work is the responsibility of the student and must be completed in accordance with the board policy. If a student is absent, he/she should make arrangements on the day of return to make up work. Only students with excused absences will be given makeup work and allowed to makeup tests and quizzes.

# EXTRA HELP

 We will provide tutoring before school from 7:30 – 7:50 and after school from 3:25 – 3:45 by appointment only. Any student in need of extra help can make arrangements with us to set up a day for tutoring.

# GRADING RHS GRADING SCALE:

 A = 90 - 100

 1st nine weeks grade 40% B = 80 - 89

 2nd nine weeks grade 40% C = 74 - 79

End of Course Test (EOCT) 20% D = 70 - 73

 F = 0 – 69

Nine weeks grade will be computed based on daily work (60%) and assessments (40%)

**It is strongly suggested that parents use Parent Portal to keep informed about student grades and absences. You can sign up for Parent Portal through the county website which is www.catoosa.k12.ga.us. I may also use email to contact parents, so please write your email below. If you have questions, please email us at any time at rbrice.rhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us.**

**We have received, read and agree to the guidelines for Biology I class.**

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