

Biology I Honors Syllabus

(2014-2015)

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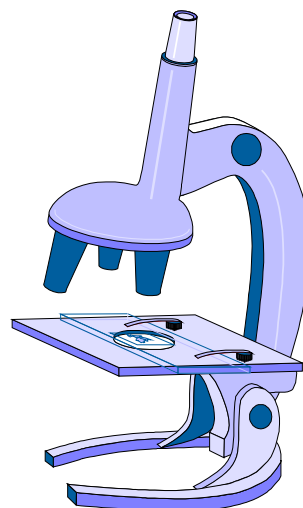
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DESCRIPTION: This course will introduce you to the basics of biology – living science. We will focus on the five domains of biology as set forth by the Georgia Department of Education. These five domains are: Cells, Organisms, Genetics, Ecology, and 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. three-ring binder
2. loose-leaf notebook paper
3. pencil or pen
4. color pencils (will be used from time to time)
5. text, *Biology*, will be provided
6. Composition Notebook \$1.00 from school



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 – no other subject. Sections should be organized into the following: vocabulary, notes, class work, and labs. In addition, all students will be required to create an interactive notebook to prepare for EOCT.

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. **Late work** will NOT be accepted. Class-work grades may include, but are not limited to, written assignments, quizzes, and projects. The homework/class-work grades will makeup the daily average.

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, True or False, 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/Interactive Notebook 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. Please remember that more than 7 unexcused absences results in No Credit for the class. Only students with excused absences will be given makeup work and allowed to make up tests and quizzes.

EXTRA HELP

I am available almost every day after school if extra help is needed. Any student in need of extra help can make arrangements with me to set up a day for tutoring.

GRADING

Nine weeks grades will consist of the following:

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| Tests | 40% |
| Daily | 15% |
| Lab | 30% |
| Interactive Notebook | 15% |

1st nine weeks grade 40%
2nd nine weeks grade 40%
End of Course Test (EOCT) 20%

RHS GRADING SCALE:

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| A = 90 - 100 |
| B = 80 - 89 |
| C = 74 - 79 |
| D = 70 - 73 |
| F = 0 - 69 |

In addition to county and school rules, the following are additional guidelines for the student.

All sophomore academy policies; Together We Will!!

1. Bring pencil, paper, binder, IAN and book to class each day.
2. Tardy policy is strictly enforced...be on time to class.
3. No food or drink is allowed in class.
4. No cheating!! All cheaters will receive zeros.
5. Respect school property.
6. Maintain good attendance.



Please read, sign (on back), and return the following page.

Student Information Sheet

Name _____ Grade _____ Home phone _____

Student E-mail address (if available) _____

Parent/Guardian names _____

Address _____ (street number and name)

_____ (city, state, and zip code)

Who do you live with? _____ Both biological parents _____ Mother _____ Father

_____ Mother and stepfather _____ Father and stepmother

_____ Grandparents _____ Aunt _____ Uncle

Mother's work phone _____ Father's work phone _____

Do you ride a bus? _____ Bus number _____

Do you have health problems I need to know about? _____

Extracurricular school activities _____

Do you work after school? _____ How many hours per week? _____

Place of employment _____

Class schedule

| Period | Class | Teacher | Room # |
|--------|-------|---------|--------|
| 1 | | | |
| 2 | | | |
| 3 | | | |
| 4 | | | |

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

Parent or Guardian Signature

Student Signature

New Cell Phone Policy

Be advised that the cell phone policy has been changed. Students may use cell phones during lunch and between classes or for instruction. It is as follows:

1. First Offense – Parent must pick up at end of day
2. Second Offense – Parent must pick up at the end of the week
3. Third Offense – Parent must pick up after 45 days
4. Fourth Offense – Parent must pick up after 90 days

If I should have a need to call you please list in the spaces below the appropriate phone numbers, and time which would be convenient. My planning period is from 11:28 – 1:40.

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 me at any time at mkeith.rhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us. Also, utilize my teacher website on the RHS website.

Parent/Guardian name _____

Phone number (_____) _____ Time to call _____

E-mail _____

Parent/Guardian name _____

Phone number (_____) _____ Time to call _____

E-mail _____

Parent Notification

Parents will be notified at least four times a semester in the form of progress grades at the 4 ½ weeks and nine week grading periods and the use of Parent Portal. Additional notification will be on a student by student basis. Please expect these notifications of progress from the student because they will not be mailed home. Please feel free to contact me at any time about progress.

