

Biology
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Units of Study:

We will be covering the following general topics this semester: biological principles, cells, genetics, and evolution. *We need to be ready to take the KEYSTONE exams at the end of the course. You will need to be an active learner and be accountable for your own learning. If there is something you don't understand, you need to get extra help. I am here almost every day after school to offer assistance and before school most days. If you are not passing the course, you will not be permitted to take the Keystone.*

Supplies Needed Everyday for Class:

Due By: _____

1. 3- ring binder (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch) with 5 dividers
2. Pencil or pen
3. Passbook
4. Your ID

Course Expectations:

1. You will come to class prepared everyday. See above for what you will need. I will grade your notebook once a marking period and will be checking for certain things. Set it up as follows:

- a. **Agenda, Question of the Day, & Closure (AQC)**
- b. **Notes**
- c. **Class work / Homework**
- d. **Tests / Quizzes**
- e. **Labs**

2. You will be on time to class **everyday**. After your third late to class without a pass, you will receive an administrative detention.

3. You are expected to follow all safety precautions when doing lab activities. Lab is not the time to goof around and act immaturely. Repeated warnings of inappropriate behavior will result in you losing the privilege to do labs. You will receive a zero for every lab we do after that.
4. I expect you to turn in all homework and class work on time. **Homework is due at the beginning of class.** If you turn it in after that it is considered late. It will be half credit. Do not expect to turn in all back work at the end of the marking period. Nothing will be allowed to be made up once we are one chapter ahead. Points will be deducted for any late work. Work needs to be done throughout the grading period, not just at the end.
5. Your name must be on all assignments that are turned in. Failure to do so will result in 5 points being taken off.
6. If you cut class, you are not permitted to make up any work from that class. **No exceptions.** Going to another teacher's room without my permission is considered cutting class.
7. You can expect to have homework almost ***every night***. It is your responsibility to keep up with the nightly homework assignments. Students who are most successful in this class complete their homework.
8. I expect you to do your own work. Copying **will not** be permitted. If I catch you copying, you and the person you were copying off of will both receive ZEROS. Homework and class work are designed to review material discussed in class not as punishment. The same goes for labs. When working on lab activities, you are working **TOGETHER**. It is not one person does the work while the other person copies it.
9. You are expected to respect each other, the school's property, and the teacher. Rudeness and profanity will not be tolerated.
10. Any time you want to leave the classroom, you **MUST** sign out and take your pass book.
11. Do not interrupt instruction to go to your locker or the bathroom. You can wait until there is an appropriate time to use the facilities. Do **NOT** ask to use the bathroom or your locker the first 15 minutes or last 15 minutes of class. It is a school rule.
12. You must stay in your seat until the bell rings at the end of class. Do **NOT** line up at the door.
13. When you are absent, I expect you to check the bulletin board on the side of the room for assignments and notes that we may have done in your absence. Do not come to me unless you have a question about what the bulletin board says or to schedule a day to make up a lab, test, or quiz within one week, after that it is a zero. If there is a worksheet or handout listed, please feel free to take one from the bin in the back of the room and complete it and turn it in. **You have the amount of days you were absent plus one to make up any missing homework or class work.** You are responsible for

- making up your work immediately upon your return to school. Do not wait until I hand out grade sheets to figure out that you owe work. Once we go over any assignment in class, you may **NOT** turn it in.
14. If you are absent the day of a test or quiz, you have one week to make it up upon your return, either before or after school. After that, the grade becomes a zero.
 15. There is **no eating or drinking** of colored or sugary drinks in class. You may drink water.
 16. Check eschool plus regularly to keep on top of your grades. If you do not know how to do this, please let me know.
 17. **YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO HAVE AN IPOD, MP3 PLAYER, OR CELL PHONE IN MY ROOM AT ALL. DO NOT ENTER MY ROOM WITH IT ON. THE IPod/MP3 player WILL BE CONFISCATED AND YOU WILL GET IT BACK AT THE END OF THE BLOCK AND YOU WILL BE WARNED. If it happens again, you will be written up.**
 18. Parents- Feel free to contact me by e-mail: jdonnell@pottstownsd.org or by phone: 610-970-6700. E-mail is the best way to keep in contact with me.

Grading:

40% - Scientific Knowledge (measured by tests and quizzes)

40% - Scientific Application (measured by labs and projects)

10% - Scientific Connections

10% - Homework

I have read and understand the above.

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

