



BIOLOGY I

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, students will conduct laboratory and field investigations, use scientific practices during investigations, and make informed decisions using critical thinking and scientific problem solving. Students in biology study various topics, including: structures and functions of cells and viruses; growth and development of organisms: cells, tissues, and organs; nucleic acids and genetics; biological evolution; taxonomy and classification of organisms; metabolism and energy transfers in living organisms; living systems; homeostasis; ecosystems, and the environment.

The State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) is the standardized test given by the state of Texas. Biology is one of the subjects that require testing. <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/>

SUPPLY LIST

- College Ruled Composition Notebook
- Pen/Pencils
- Highlighters
- Glue
- 12 Count Pack of Colored Pencils
- School Issued Technology Device

GRADING POLICY



MAJOR GRADES
60%

Tests
Projects
CBA (District Test)

MINOR GRADES
40%

In-Class Assignments
Quizzes (x2)
Lab Grades (x2)
Homework

TESTING/RETESTING: A test will be given at the end of each unit. If a student receives a failing grade (less than a 70) on a test they must meet with their teacher during tutorials to do the **required re-teach** then take a **retest** for a **maximum grade of 70**. The retest must be taken within **5 days** of returned grade. Students may re-submit assignments and re-test only one time per assignment within 5 days. The following assignments are not eligible for resubmission: major projects and midterm, final, and benchmark assessments.

MISSING : Students have two (2) class meetings from the time a missing grade is posted in the grade book to make up the missing work. Any assignments not completed and submitted may be given the grade of a zero.

LATE: Assignments will be accepted up to 2 class periods late for a maximum grade of 70.

No late assignments will be accepted after the unit exam.

Extra Credit: There will be opportunities for Extra Credit throughout the semester. More information to come.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY (HAYS CISD POLICY)

Students who engage in academic dishonesty, participate in cheating or copying, plagiarism, or unauthorized communication between students during an assignment or examination, shall be subject to disciplinary action and/or grade penalties, as determined by campus administration as outlined in board policy. A student shall be required to complete an alternate assignment. Credit shall be denied (a zero recorded in the gradebook) until an alternate assignment has been completed for a maximum grade of 70.

CELL PHONE POLICY (2022-2023)



Per Hays CISD policy, students may not use their personal electronics including cell phones and ear buds during instructional time. Cell phones are to be stored in a designated cell phone location on silent and out of sight during class. In non-emergency situations, parents/guardians who need to contact students during class-time may call the classroom extension.

LAB SAFETY IS NO.1 PRIORITY

Laboratory work is an essential part of learning and understanding science concepts and is designed to enhance information given in class. Lab safety is a very important matter. A safety contract must be signed by you indicating your awareness of all safety policies. Failure to follow safe lab procedure will result in removal from the lab, alternative assignment, and possible disciplinary action.



CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

- Be on time and prepared for learning. Complete class and homework on time.
- Be respectful of yourself, your teachers, your classmates, and the classroom.
- Demonstrate academic integrity!
- Ask questions! Communicate efficiently both in-person and through email.
- Cell phones are to be stored on silent and out of sight during class.
- Bathroom breaks should be brief, and cell phones will remain in the classroom.
- Be responsible for yourself (belongings, assignments, work area)
- **Have a positive attitude!**

CLASSROOM CONSEQUENCES

1st Offense:
Verbal Warning
AND
Parent/Guardian
Contact



2nd Offense:
Student-Teacher
Conference
AND
Parent/Guardian Contact



3rd Offense:
Conference with
Parent/Guardian
AND
Administration