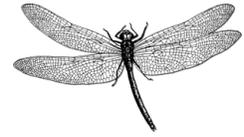


CP1 BIOLOGY

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CP1 Biology Course Expectations 2015-2016

Welcome to biology! This will be a fun and interesting class designed to help you learn about the mysteries of living things- including you! Work hard, stay focused, aim high and you will do well.

Grading Policy (per term)

30 % Homework

30% Labs/Projects

40% Tests and Quizzes

What can I expect in class?

My hope is that you will actually enjoy science this year (even if you never have before-really!) Most days are filled with a variety of activities. You will be expected to do some individual work in class as well as group work. There will be labs and other hands-on activities a few times a week. There will also be interesting and interactive note-taking and lectures. You will have homework every night to help support and extend what goes on in class.

Extra Help

TUESDAYS and WEDNESDAYS in C218 2-2:45 (unless otherwise stated in class)

The Textbook

You will have many homework assignments from the textbook Biology by Miller and Levine (The "Dragonfly" version- 2006). Most students will use the itext version, which is the book on the internet, which you can access anywhere. There are limited copies of actual books.

To access the book, go to Pearsonsuccessnet.com and use the following codes:

Username: ccp1bioc218

Password: ilovebio1516

Homework: --Assigned EVERY class

- Due at the very beginning of class.
- Type ranges from reading and questions to lab reports.
- Most homework is graded based on effort.
- **Late homework is not accepted.** * The best way to learn and remember the biology we learn in class is to practice every night. Keep up with the homework- it is 30% of your grade. If you choose not to do multiple assignments, you will serve detentions after school.

What other assignments will I have in class?

You will have several large **tests** a quarter, and they will cover material from the entire unit. There will be many frequent **quizzes**- some unannounced, some announced- always be ready! They are worth fewer points than tests. You will also have frequent **labs**, usually with questions to carefully answer as well as several formal lab reports over the course of the year. Finally, you must keep an organized **binder** for biology (see separate handout). *The binder is required, not optional.*

Course Syllabus

1st Quarter:

- Characteristics of life
- Chemistry
- Organic Molecules
- Cell Structure
- Photosynthesis and Respiration

2nd Quarter

- Cell Division
- DNA and RNA
- Protein Synthesis
- Genetics

3rd Quarter:

- Evolution
- Ecology

4th Quarter:

- Human Systems:
-Including: Nervous, Skeletal, Muscular, Immune, Circulatory, Respiratory, Digestive, Excretory, and Reproductive Systems
- Frog dissection
- Biology MCAS

Rules and Procedures In addition to the student handbook rules, students will be expected to do the following in class:

1. **Be respectful**

2. **Come to class prepared and on time**

- You need: biology binder, writing utensil, planner, assignments; and most importantly: your focus, excitement and willingness to learn!!!
- Food is not allowed in science classrooms. You may bring water bottles.
- Class begins when the bell rings. You will not be allowed to make up missed work due to unexcused tardiness.
- Every 3rd unexcused tardy= 1 absence.

3. **Electronics:**

- In accordance to the FHS policy, all cell phones, ipods, mp3 players, earphones etc. must be turned off and away during the school day. If they are on or visible, they will be taken and given to a grade administrator.

4. **Do honest work:**

- Always write your own answers, even if you worked with a partner in a lab.
- If a student is caught plagiarizing or cheating on an assignment, he/she will receive a zero for that assignment.
- If a student "shares" his/her assignment with a peer he/she will also receive a zero. Be aware that plagiarism is a serious offense and the appropriate grade administrator and parents/guardians will be contacted.

If a student chooses not to comply with the above rules, the teacher reserves the right to assign a teacher detention after school, contact parents/guardians or refer the student to his/her Grade Administrator.

***Absence Policy :**

You are responsible for any and all work missed due to excused absences.

- Generally, for each day missed, two (2) days are allowed for make-up of class work or homework. If work is assigned prior to the absence, it is due when you return to school.
- If you have an excused absence on a test/quiz/lab day you have 5 school-days to make it up outside of class. At the end of the 5 days, the grade becomes a zero.
- If you have an excused absence, you must turn in the work that was due on the day(s) of the absence on the day you return.
- Some labs are not possible to make up and if there is an excused absence, an alternate assignment will be given upon request.

Framingham High School Mission Statement

Framingham High School will provide students with a comprehensive, challenging and diverse learning environment, which will enable our students to become successful members of the global community.

Our core values are:

- Individual Responsibility and Accountability
- Collaboration and Civic Involvement
- Academic Excellence
- Respect, Honesty and Integrity
- Exploration and Development of Personal Interests