



MS. BARAJAS'S BIOLOGY SYLLABUS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The goal of this EOCT course is to familiarize students with the general concepts involving biology, the study of life. Students will be expected to use problem solving skills and to learn the basic facts, formulas, and principles that govern general biology.

Major topics to be covered:

1st Semester

Lab Safety

Ecology

Adaptations of Living Things

Chemistry of Life & Cells

Photosynthesis & Respiration

2nd Semester

Genetics & Heredity

Evolution

Organization & Classification of

Organisms

Review for EOC

REQUIRED TEXT:

Textbooks will be issued to each student during the first week of class. Each student is responsible for keeping up with his/her textbook and taking care of it. To replace lost textbook, students will need to follow school procedure. **You must bring your textbook to class everyday.** Random book checks may be given throughout the semester.

DAILY SUPPLIES:

- Textbook
- 3 ring binder with the following dividers:
 - 1) Notes/Vocabulary
 - 2) Labs
 - 3) Classwork/Homework
 - 4) EOC Review
- Notebook paper, Pencils, Pens (blue or black ink only)

*****I strongly encourage you to keep an organized notebook throughout the semester as it will aid you in being successful in this class!**

GRADING:

Grades are averaged and reported every six weeks. Parents may access their child's grades using the online gradebook, Infinite Campus, at any time during the semester. Grades for the semester will be calculated as follows:

Major Assessments (Chapter tests, Projects) = **45%**

Minor Assessments (Quizzes, Labs)= **20%**

Daily Assessments (Class/homework)= **15%**

Final Assessment (1st semester final and 2nd EOC/Milestone test) = **20%**

Georgia Milestone Assessment (EOC):

At the end of spring semester each year we administer a state-mandated test that covers the material taught throughout the school year in Biology. This test will measure the student's understanding of the topics discussed in class. There is a vast amount of material to cover in order to prepare the students for this test; therefore, it is imperative that students be at school every day, study regularly, and complete all assignments. We will begin a heavy emphasis on review during the weeks leading up to the EOCT. This test will count for a portion of each student's final grade for 2nd semester.

MAKEUP WORK:

If a student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to get their makeup work. If you have work to make up, see me before or after class. Please do not ask for makeup work once class has started. Students will have **3 days** to make up any missed assignments. Any quizzes, tests, or labs that are missed will need to be made up after school. Any other work will need to be made up at home and not during class.

LATE WORK:

All assignment, projects, etc. will be due ON or BEFORE the specified date. In certain cases a 25% grade reduction will be taken for late times.

HOMEWORK:

You will have homework in this class everyday..... Meaning you are expected to study and read over class notes daily. Occasionally written homework may be given. Also, any class work that is not completed in class is to be taken home and may be brought in the next day.

TUTORING:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00PM until 3:30 PM. By appointment.

BIO BUCKS:

A student will not be allowed to leave the class unless they have a Bio Buck; however, I encourage you to hold on to these because you may receive 2 extra points for each. Remember, the use of Bio Bucks is always at the discretion of the teacher!

EXEMPTION POLICY:

Students may exempt semester final exams if they meet the following criteria:

- Average of 90 or above
- 3 or few absences
- No ISS or OSS assignments
- Do not owe fines or fees to the school

WEBSITE

- Visit my website for additional support for this class.
- www.barajasscience.weebly.com

CHEATING & PLAGARISM:

No cheating will be tolerated whether it is on a test, homework, or class work. Unless you are instructed by me to work with others, all work should be completed individually.

Classroom Policies & Procedures

1. **Be on time!**
2. **Come prepared!** Please be sure to bring all materials to class including your textbook, notebook and pencil!!!
3. **Get to work!** As soon as you enter the classroom have materials ready so we may begin class immediately.
4. **Stay neat and organized!** This will help you to be successful in this class! Keep up with your assignments and handouts. **I do not give extra copies!**
5. **Be respectful!** In order for everyone to succeed it is vital that the classroom be a positive environment. If you do not have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. Keep all inappropriate comments to yourself
6. **Clean up after yourself!** Please be sure to keep you work area clean. Make sure all supplies have been put in their proper places and that all trash has been picked up before leaving each day.
7. **Raise your hand!** Please raise your hand when you have a question or need assistance with an assignment.
8. **Come with an open mind!** There is so much knowledge to gain from this course. Enjoy it.

**Failure to comply with these rules or any of the rules in the student handbook will result in detention, parent contact, or referral to the office or a combination of these.

WISH LIST

Hand Sanitizer, Facial Tissue, Hand soap, Latex Free Gloves

Honor Statement

Ms. Barajas: Biology

I, _____, pledge that any assignment submitted for a grade will reflect my own words and thoughts. I will, in no way, copy another student's work and present it as my own. I understand that if I break this pledge, I will be subject to any disciplinary action that is deemed necessary by the administration of this school and Ms. Barajas.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Syllabus Acknowledgment

I have read and understand all of the objectives, requirements, rules, and expectations for Biology.

Student signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Parent email address: _____

Best time to be contacted: _____

Return to Ms. Barajas
Thank you