

Biology A Syllabus

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Room 405

Description of Course

Biology A will cover the following major topics:

Cell structure and function

Metric System

Chemistry Unit

Ecosystems

Human Body Systems

Expectations and Goals

Students are expected to be respectful and follow rules and directions at all times, ask questions if uncertain about anything, monitor their grade within *Infinite Campus*, turn in assignments on time, prepare for assessments and set up make-up assessments. Plan on always trying your best and my goal is to help you be successful. All school rules and consequences apply within the classroom as well.

Classroom Rules

- 1) **Be respectful** (to yourselves, each other and staff).
- 2) **Be punctual** (seated and ready to go when bell rings).
- 3) **Be prepared** (notebook and at least one writing utensil).
- 4) **Raise your hand** (for a question or if need to leave classroom).
- 5) **Only use cell phone when permitted by teacher** (following classroom expectations).
- 6) **Use classroom language** (which includes using an inside voice and no bad language).
- 7) **Follow all school rules.**

Consequences for not following the Rules above

- 1) First time warning.
- 2) Participation grade will be decreased by 10 points.
- 3) Participation grade will be decreased by 25 points.
- 4) Conference set up with Student / Teacher / Parent / Administrator.

*** If asked to put cell phone away and/or hand over cell phone and student refuses, participation grade will be impacted substantially.**

Discipline Plan

- 1) Warning
- 2) Seat Change
- 3) Student-Teacher Conference
- 4) Phone call home / Detention / Parent-Student-Teacher Conference
- 5) Phone call home / Referral / Parent-Student-Teacher-Administrator Conference

*** If an emergency situation arises, you can ask to use a pass for the bathroom and take your cell phone with you to handle the emergency at hand.**

Weighting of Grades:

25% for Homework/Classwork/Notebook/Participation

75% for Assessments/Projects/Labs

Late work accepted for a portion of the original value up until the current unit is completed.

Assessment retakes or grade issues need to be discussed with me outside of class time.

*** Expect a quiz once a week and an assessment on a grander scale every 2 weeks. Also, expect quizzes and exams to be cumulative.**

Website: Go to ohs.leusd.k12.ca.us → click Staff Directory → click on Adam Read

Once you are at Mr. Read's Homepage

Click on Calendar → then click Show Calendar. You might need to maximize the screen. Now you can access your class for a specific date to see what we did in class or click on links to print or view handouts, powerpoints or videos.

Signing up for Remind

Students and parent/guardians will be encouraged to sign up for Remind about a week into the quarter. This will allow for helpful communication between student, parent and teacher.

Directions on how to do this will be given in class and also posted on my website.

Parents

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns regarding your student.

My goal will be to try to get back to you within 24 hours.

PLEASE READ, COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE

Student Last Name, First Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Number: _____

Parent/Guardian email address: _____

Student hobbies/interests: _____

Where do you see yourself 5 years from now? _____

List one short-term goal you have. _____

List one long-term goal you have. _____

Anything else you would like to include: _____

I have read and understand the contents of the syllabus and am aware that the contents of the syllabus could change if needed to fit the ever changing needs of the success of this class and its students.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____