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## **Course Description**

This course is a laboratory-based science class in which students will study the cell, the molecular basis of heredity, biological evolution, interdependence of organisms, ecosystems, and organization in living systems and the behavior of organisms. This course is designed to introduce you to basic concepts of Biology as defined by the Essential Standards for Biology. The key to succeeding in any course is the willingness to work. Since classroom activities are vital aspects of this course, regular attendance, attention and participation are very important. Major tests (approximately 10 through the semester) will be announced in advance, therefore being absent the day before a major test is not an excuse to not being prepared. We will utilize labs, projects, and classroom activities to grasp a better understanding of the concepts in Biology.

Stude	nt Expectations:	North Carolina Grading Scale:
1)	Show up for class on time, ready to work	A: 90 – 100
2)	Be prepared for class with ALL necessary materials	B: 80 – 89
3)	Be respectful to their fellow students, themselves, and	C: 70 – 79
	ALL teachers/staff.	D: 60 – 69
4)	Follow all Student Handbook Rules.	F: 0-59
5)	Complete all required assignments following instructions, safety rules and procedures	

#### **Supplies for Class**:

- > 3-Ring Binder which can be kept in the classroom 1 ½ inch will work best
- ➤ Tab Dividers 4, labeled as follows: DRQ's, Notes, Labs, EOC Review
- > Notebook Paper
- ➤ Pencil or Pen
- > Earbuds or Headphones
- > Chromebook/personal laptop

## Missing/Late/Make-up Work

**Board Policy 3400R**: Students who fail to complete an assignment by the due date will still be allowed to complete the work up to 3 days after the assignment is due. Anything turned in after the 3<sup>rd</sup> day will not be accepted.

Day(s) Late	Grade Impact
1 DAY	-10 pts
2 DAYS	-20 pts
3 DAYS	-40 pts
AFTER 3 DAYS	Student will receive a 0

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe

## **Grading Scale**

Grades will be calculated using the following distribution.

- 50% Tests and Projects
- 30% Labs and Quizzes
- 20% Activities, Classwork and Homework

Student Name(Please Print):

#### **Lab Safety**

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Separate Sheet Attached – this will be kept with your student in their lab section on their binder, so please answer the following questions and initial this section that you have reviewed the attached Lab Student Safety Contract.

# Student's circle yes or no for each question

	Are you color blind? Yes or No
	Do you have allergies? Yes or No
	If so, list specific allergies:
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Parent/Guardian Name(s) (Please Print):