

Dear Student and Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to biology with Ms. Seargeant. Biology explores the concepts of molecular biology, biodiversity, evolution, ecology, and human physiology. Students will utilize the scientific method through group work, homework, class work, labs, projects, and presentations to explore the subject of biology and to grow as scientifically literate individuals.

Objectives

Students will be able to:

1. Recognize how biology applies to their life.
2. Listen, speak, read, and write more objectively.
3. Formulate a hypothesis and use the scientific method.
4. Relate the lessons to statewide biology standards.

Procedures

- All materials should be out on your desk and your backpacks should be stowed in the appropriate area.
- The class runs from bell to bell. The teacher, not the bell, will excuse you.
- There is absolutely no use of the restroom in the first or last 10 minutes of class.
- To use the restroom, you must bring up your bathroom pass to be punched and fill out a written slip. This slip must be turned back in to me when you return.
- Attendance is required for success in this class. The more days that you miss, the more likely it is that you will not pass. If you need to be excused from class, please notify me ahead of time.
- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the assignments from a classmate and to make up the work. For every day you are absent, you have one day to make up the work. (ex. If you miss 2 days, you have 2 days to turn in make up work)

Rules and Expectations

- No Food or Drinks (Bottled Water OK)
- No Electronic Devices
- Be in your seat with materials when class starts.
- Be respectful and courteous to everyone.
- Follow Directions

Discipline

1. Warning.
2. Student-teacher conference / item is taken away for the rest of the day
3. Parent phone call and low level referral / parent must pick up item from me at the end of the day
4. Parent-teacher-student conference and second low level referral to the counselor
5. Referral to the VP's office.
6. Suspension from class

Any or all of these steps may be skipped according to the nature of the offense.

Materials

Students are required to bring the following items to class every day:

- A spiral notebook
- Pen/pencil

All coursework will be completed in the spiral notebook. If a student does not have his/her notebook that student will still be responsible for completing the assignment and copy that assignment into their spiral notebook.

Textbook

- McDougal Littell Biology

Grading

Assignments are graded based on completeness, clarity, accuracy, and neatness. All assignments must be turned in on time. Failure to do so will result in a lower grade.

Grades will be calculated on a point system. You earn points by completing assignments such as lessons, cooperative activities, online activities, labs, lecture notes, homework, tests/quizzes as well as some extra credit assignments.

The grading scale is as follows:

A	90% - 100%
B	80% - 89.9%
C	70% - 79.9%
D	65% - 69.9%
F	0% - 64.9%

You need to have a 65% or higher in order to pass this class.

Contact Information

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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I am available before and after school for conferences and extra help. I look forward to working with you and your student and having a successful school year.

Nicole Seargeant

Please completely fill out the following and return!

I, _____ have received your letter regarding _____'s Biology class.
YOUR NAME **STUDENT NAME**

So that I may keep in touch with you about your student's progress, please fill out the following contact information:

Email: _____
_____ **(additional addresses)**

Home phone: _____
_____ **(additional #)**

Cell phone: _____
_____ **(additional #)**

Best time to reach you (circle all that apply): Morning Afternoon Evening

Best way to reach you (circle one): Email Phone

Please provide any comments about your student that might be helpful to me as your child's instructor:

PRINTED PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE