

Bridgepoint High School Class Syllabus

Course name: Biology

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Course Description:

Biology is aligned with the State Science Standards. Topics of study are guided by the McDougal Littell Biology textbook and include units on Introducing Biology, Cells, Genetics, Evolution, Ecology, Classification and Diversity, Plants, Animals, and Human Biology. The course will also be supported with online supplemental materials found in the CK-12 online Biology textbook.

Earning Credits in Class:

You will earn credits in this class based on your effort, participation and level of production. To earn a **PRODUCTIVE DAY**, you must be **on-task, respectful**, must **stay in class unless given permission to leave**, and must **allow others to work without disruption**.

40+ productive days = 2.5 credits

32-39 productive days = 2.0 credits

24-31 productive days = 1.5 credits

16-23 productive days = 1.0 credits

8-15 productive days = .5 credits

Extra credit:

Extra credit packets are handed out upon request and are typically worth 1 credit. There is no due date. Credit is awarded for the quarter the work is turned in and graded. Extra credits are limited to the amount of credits earned in class.

In order to qualify for extra credit, a student must satisfy one of the following two conditions:

- 1) He/she is passing the class, has earned the maximum number of credits allowable due to productive days accumulated and wants to further his/her academic progress. OR**
- 2) He/she is no longer enrolled in a class, but needs to do extra work in order to earn between .5 and 1.5 credits to satisfy that particular graduation requirement.**

Make-up work:

All missing assignments must be completed and turned in within one week of the original due date.

Grading:

Grades will be based on the weighted total points earned from class productivity and assignments (75%), assessments (20%), take home work (5%).

Bridgepoint assignments/projects will be scored using the following rubric:

1 - In Progress (Incomplete) 2 - Approaching Standards (Emerging) 3 - Meeting Standards (Proficient) 4 - Exceeding Standards (Exemplary)

Keys to success:

Students are expected to be in class on time, on task, respectful, and non-disruptive. Students are also expected to bring a pen or pencil each day. Grades and assignments may be viewed on the Synergy Student Portal.

Textbooks and Resources:

McDougal Littell: Biology

APEX: Biology

CK-12: Biology