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BIOLOGY

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Student Handbook: [High School Student Handbook - West Fargo 6 School District \(k12.nd.us\)](#)

REQUIRED AND OPTIONAL MATERIALS

Required

- iPad
- writing utensil

Optional

- iPad pen (highly recommended)
- Notebook
- Colored pens, pencils, markers

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Biology is the study of life and the interactions of living things. Biology includes the study from the molecular level through the biosphere.

TECHNOLOGY POLICY

1. iPad should be charged and ready for use at the beginning of class. Students are also responsible for supplying and using school-provided charging cord and block if needed throughout the day.
2. Cell phones need to be stored in a backpack, locker, or outside of the building during the school day. Please read the WFHS Cell Phone Policy in the handbook for consequences.
3. Headphone and earbud use is to be used during work time only.

BOOKS, SCHOOLOGY, POWERSCHOOL

- Biology textbooks will be available through a class set that will be kept in the classroom. These books can be checked out as needed by the students.
- PowerSchool is the official gradebook of WFHS.
- Schoology is the official LMS (learning management system) for WFHS. Daily lessons, unit information, and assignment drop boxes will all be hosted on Schoology and accessible by students using their iPads.

GRADING SCALE

- 90-100 A
- 80-89 B
- 70-79 C
- 60-69 D
- < 60 F

ABSENCES

- Any work missed during an excused absence(s) must be made up.
- You will have a grace period for completing work from absences: the same number of days to make up the work as the number of days you were absent.
 - When turning in your work, write "absent" at the top.
- If you are missing class due to a vacation or a field trip, it is your responsibility to obtain the work you will miss prior to the day of the absence.
- If an assignment/project is due on the day you will be absent due to a field trip or vacation, you must still complete it and turn it in on the due date or earlier.

- You are responsible for getting your assignments from Schoology and Ms. Johnson before you leave or the day you return.
- Missing work from an absence will be marked as a zero and missing in PowerSchool until the work is completed and turned in. Once the work is completed, grades will be updated with NO PENALTY to scores.
- Missing work from an absence will not be accepted once the Unit has been completed.
- Please refer to the WFHS policies regarding attendance for further information.

COURSE WORK

Graded Assignments – Homework – Quizzes (30% of your grade)

- All graded assignment due dates will be posted on Schoology and the Daily Slides.
 - Majority of assignments must be uploaded to Schoology. Both paper and digital assignments are expected to be submitted on Schoology unless otherwise stated.
 - Due dates will most often be the next block of class.
- Parents and Students – please stay up to date with assignment submission deadlines and status using Schoology. Use PowerSchool to stay up to date with current grades and missing graded assignments.
- Homework will be work that is not completed during class time. It will be the students' responsibility to manage time within their school day to complete work and seek help if necessary.
- Late Work – will be accepted until the end of the unit. The end of the unit is the day we complete our culminating summative assessment – such as a unit test and/or lab.
 - Grading Late Work: Late work will be graded and entered to reflect in PowerSchool as soon as possible. Priority to current assignments will be given to make sure that there is timely feedback for the most recent work completed by students. If you want to stay updated on status for assignments that have been turned in, check Schoology. Once there is a grade for the late assignment, it will be updated in PowerSchool.

Summative Assessments (70% of your grade)

Unit Tests

- Question types are multiple choice and written response essays.
- If you are absent on a test day, you need to schedule a time with Ms. Johnson to take the test.
 - Open blocks, before or after school, WIN time.

Labs

- Labs are a required part of your grade and must be completed.
- If you are absent on a lab day, you need to schedule a time with me to complete the lab.
 - Open blocks, before or after school, WIN time.
- Labs will be completed on paper and turned in during class, not uploaded to Schoology. Labs are a summative assessment, so expect longer grading times.
- Late labs will have *5 points per school day* taken off the student's score for each day that it is late. It is the student's responsibility to turn the labs in and communicate with Ms. Johnson to turn in the lab as soon as possible to protect your points.

Semester Exams

- You will have a semester exam at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2.
- The final exam will be 100 multiple choice questions.
- These exams will be graded and recorded on Q2 and Q4 grades.

LABORATORY CONDUCT

- Students must sign and agree to the Lab Safety Rules prior to being permitted to participate in labs. Not following lab safety rules could result in a zero for the lab.

Lab rules are:

- Wear your goggles. If you take them off at any point during the lab, you will receive a zero.
 - Food and drink is not permitted on lab days.
 - DO NOT play with the sinks or gas lines.
 - Short sleeves, closed-toe shoes, hair pulled back.
 - Positive teamwork with your lab partner(s).
- For detailed information about lab safety and procedures, refer to the Lab Safety Contract.

PACKER PRIDE

- Be respectful of classmates and Ms. Johnson; be on time and be an active participant in class. Have a positive attitude; we are all here to learn!

CHEATING/PLAGARISM

- Plagiarism: Plagiarism is unethical. Show the respect you would want for your hard work and do not claim something that is not yours, including utilizing Artificial Intelligence! Cutting and pasting sentences off the Internet into a word document or copying sentences directly from the Internet will not be permitted. Paraphrase what you have found by putting it in your own words. You may use direct quotes if you cite your source. Refer to WFHS's policies regarding cheating and plagiarism.

NEED HELP?

- My Schedule

<i>A DAY</i>	<i>B DAY</i>
PERIOD 1(A): Field Biology, 222 J	PERIOD 1(B): Field Biology, 222 J
PERIOD 2.3(A): PLC Meetings, 214 J	PERIOD 2.3(B): Prep, 214 J
PERIOD 3(A): Biology, 222 J	PERIOD 3 (B): Meetings
PERIOD 4(A): Biology, 222 J	PERIOD 4(B): Field Biology, 222 J

- Weekly WIN Sessions – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.
 - Use WIN session to complete missing work, Quizzes, Tests, Labs
 - Use WIN sessions to get caught up on missing work.
 - Use WIN sessions to get help in a 1-on-1 Environment or Small group setting.
 - Use WIN sessions to complete projects.
- Homework Room
 - 2 days a week after school there is a teacher that supervises the Homework Room.
 - All are welcome! More information and locations will be posted throughout the school.
- Schedule Time – Before School or After School – with Ms. Johnson!
 - This time must be set up IN ADVANCE.
 - Before School = 7:50 am – 8:20 am
 - After School = By Request

Please upload this page to Schoology by _____.

I have read the above rules and expectations. I accept them and will abide by them.

Student Name – Printed

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name – Printed

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date