



# Biology



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## HOW TO REACH ME

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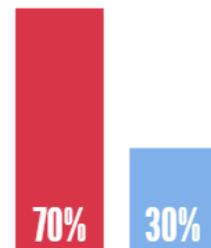
## CLASS MATERIALS

- 1 IPAD FOR SCHOOLGY ACCESS & ONENOTE SCIENCE NOTEBOOK AND IPAD STYLUS
- 2 PENCILS & PENS
- 3 HIGHLIGHTERS & COLORED PENCILS

## MY SCHEDULE:

1A - BIOLOGY	1B - PREP/COHORT
2A - PREP/PLC	2B - BIOLOGY
3A - MICROBIOLOGY	3B - PREP
4A - BIOLOGY	4B - BIOLOGY

## GRADES



## WELCOME!

I am excited to be starting my 10th school year teaching science at West Fargo High - Go Packers! I graduated from NDSU with a double major in Biological Sciences and Biological Sciences Education and completed my Masters in Science Education at WGU. This year I am teaching Biology and Dual-Credit Microbiology. I love being active and outdoors as much as possible, especially at the lake surrounded by family and friends. I am looking forward to playing a role in helping you all learn and grow this year!

## GRADING SCALE

100 - 90 = A  
 89 - 80 = B  
 79 - 70 = C  
 69 - 60 = D  
 59 & Below = F

## LESSON PLANS:

- Posted on Schoology:
  - Daily Assignments
  - Due Dates
  - Upcoming Assessments

## TECHNOLOGY TOOLS

Schoology & OneNote  
 Textbook: my.hrw.com  
 Username: daayf  
 Password: a4v8x



# Course Outline:

Semester 1 Topics	Unit
Scientific Method	1
Macromolecules & Enzymes	2
Cell & Cell Transport	3
Homeostasis	4
DNA	5

Semester 2 Topics	Unit
Mitosis and Meiosis	6
Genetics	7
Natural Selection & Evolution	8
Photosynthesis & Cell Resp.	9
Ecology	10

**\*\*Semester Grades: 50% Quarter 1 Grade + 50% Quarter 2 Grade\*\***

*ALL school rules listed in your student planner must be followed!  
Stick to the 4R's to create positive classroom culture!*

## Classroom procedures:

- **Late Work:** Late assignments will be accepted ONE day late for HALF credit. Late work turned in more than one date late will not be eligible for credit.
  - \*Bio 9 students may earn 1/2 credit on late work turned in up until the end of the unit.
  - ⇒ **Penalties apply** based on the type of assignment:
    - ⇒ Half credit for daily work
    - ⇒ 5 points per school day late for labs
- **Absence: Students** are **Responsible** for picking up assignments for **all** absences.
  - ⇒ When absence is known in advance (school function, vacation, etc.) it is expected that students will complete all possible work prior to the absence.
  - ⇒ Length of time to complete work due to an absence will follow school policy.
  - ⇒ Credit will NOT be given for work & assessments missed due to unexcused absences
- **Electronic Device Policy:** Electronic Devices are only permitted to be used when indicated by the teacher for educational purposes!!!
  - ⇒ Cell phones and are NOT permitted in the classroom. iPads will be used as the primary electronic device for academic purposes. NO AirPods during lessons/activities.
  - ⇒ This is your warning. Phones visible in the classroom will be confiscated. Watching YouTube on phones/iPads during lessons/activities will result in loss of device.
- **Academic Integrity:** **\*\*Refer to page 25—26 in your student planner**
  - ⇒ Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated
  - ⇒ Labs completed in groups must be answered by the individual using their own words

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