

Biology 1 Syllabus

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Instructional Material available to parents

Note: Giles County High School will make instructional materials available for review within 10 days of a written parental request.

Attendance and Absentee Policy:

- Attendance is mandatory for every class and each student is expected to take the initiative to make up all missed work.
- Students are expected to acquire any notes that they miss from their peers.
- **NOTE:** If a student misses a week of school for any reason; he or she will be behind and their grade will suffer.
- Any missed grade while absent will result in a Zero being recorded in Synergy until it is completed.

Make-up Work Policy:

- Work should be made up within 2 days for each day absent for full credit.
- All work is due by midnight on the date due.
- After allotted days have passed, the assignment or assessment drops a letter grade for each day late.
- **No work will be accepted past 2 weeks.**
- The teacher is available before and after school for make-up work.

Cell Phone Policy:

- My classroom will be a NO CELL PHONE ZONE.
- Cell phones must remain powered off during school hours.
- Earbuds worn in the ear will be interpreted as cell phone use.
- The consequence of breaking this policy will be immediate confiscation of the cell phone that will be available for retrieval from the office at the end of the day and a write up for insubordination/violation of cell phone policy.
- This policy aligns with the Giles County Board of Education and the State of Tennessee.

Academic Dishonesty

- Any form of academic dishonesty will result in a ZERO for the assignment.
- Academic dishonesty includes submitting any work that is not your own, namely artificial intelligence, search engines, or another student.
- It includes any form of cheating or plagiarism.

- **Cheating on Test will not be tolerated**

1. Students will be monitored and recorded during all assignments.
2. The classroom camera is recording at all times.
3. Chromebook screens are monitored and recorded by software during assessments.
4. Students that are caught cheating in any form will receive a grade of Zero on that assignment and be referred to administration.
5. If a student leaves (tabs out) of their test and navigates to any other website during the test, cheating is assumed and a grade of Zero will be given.
6. The teacher will not need to determine if cheating was actually taking place; leaving the test is considered cheating.
7. A Zero received for cheating cannot be changed or improved by any means (i.e. Extra Credit, Test Correction, Test Retakes). The consequences of cheating are meant to be harsh.

Classroom Rules: GIVE RESPECT GET RESPECT

1. My classroom will follow and enforce the Giles County School district and the Giles County High School Code of Conduct.
2. There will be assigned seats that follow the classroom seating chart.
3. No student will be allowed to sit at the lab stations. Each student will sit at their assigned seats at the tables in front of the class.
4. The classroom camera is always on and always recording.

Daily Routine/Expectations

1. Beginning of Class
 - a. Enter the classroom and take your seat
 - b. Immediately begin working on the **Bell Ringer** assignments
 - c. Yes, they will be taken for a grade and be included in Tests

Taking Notes

1. Students will be required to take notes during class.
2. **Students must hand write their notes with pen and paper; notes cannot be typed on a computer.**
3. If a student misses class because they are in In School Suspension (ISS), they are still responsible to copy notes from their peers.

Semester Test Schedule and Content Agenda

Grading Policy:

- McGraw Hill Smartbook – 20% of Semester Grade
- Classwork – 20% of Semester Grade
 - Quizzes
 - Blooket
 - Ed Puzzle
 - Class Participation
- Module Tests – 60% of Semester Grade
 - All Tests are cumulative
 - Test 1: Cells
 - Test 2: Energy - 20% cumulative
 - Test 3: Genetics - 30% cumulative
 - Test 4: Evolution - 40% cumulative
 - All Tests will be comprised of the following:
 - 40% Current unit
 - 20-40% Cumulative Standards
 - 30% Bell Ringers
- All grades will be posted as soon as possible in Synergy.
- **Note:** Parents can view their student's grade via **ParentVUE**. If you need help with your **ParentVUE** access/login, please contact the school's front office.

McGraw Hill Smartbook 2.0

- Students can access Smartbook 2.0 assignments on any tablet or phone with the **McGraw Hill ReadyAnywhere** mobile app; they can also use their Chromebook.
- Students must answer all the practice questions by the due date to complete the assignment. They receive 100% whether they answered the questions right or wrong.
- **McGraw Hill Smartbook 2.0** assignments for each module will be due by midnight on the same day the Module test is given.

Test Corrections

- Students will be allowed to correct their test if they have scored below a 70.
- They will be able earn half of their missed points with correct answers.
- A corrected test cannot be scored higher than a 70.
- Test Corrections must be done before or after school.
- Students must take the initiative to ask for test corrections and schedule their appointment with the teacher.