Honors Biology Syllabus and Classroom Management Plan

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Course Title: Honors Biology **Phone: 325-659- 3434 ext. 439**

Course Description:
Honors Biology is a college preparatory class that will provide the student opportunities to develop skills for success in college level courses such as Biology. Students will learn how biological concepts are related at many different levels and gain understanding of the various processes that maintain life. Students will practice academic communication, investigation, and self-management skills during the course of the study.

Grading Procedures:
Major Assignments: (Tests, Projects, Research, Major Labs) **60%**
Minor Assignments: (Homework, Quizzes, Minor Labs) **40%**

Late Work Policy: The expectation is that all work be turned in on time. However, per SAISD policy, if a student does turn in work late the penalties will be as follows…

Days late	Penalty
1 day	-10 points
2 days	-20 points
3 days	-30 points
4+ days	Student will receive a grade of **zero**

Make-Up Work Policy: When a student is absent, it is his or her responsibility to obtain make-up work on the day he or she returns to class. The student will be given one day for each day absent to complete and turn in assignments. Make-up work must be turned in on time, or it will be subject to the aforementioned late-work policy**.**

Central HS Non Negotiables: According to state law, cell phones and smartwatches/earbuds/airpods/headphones are not allowed during the school day. Refer to the district policy for further information.

District-Wide Honor Code:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/13mP4lZRfGcTkrWrY1jty5Tmlmyva2GYzDakluXFfQlY/edit?usp=sharing

Copying another student's work is strictly prohibited. Do not "lend" your assignment to another student. Both students will have papers taken up and consequences will apply.

You may discuss an open-ended response, but the recorded answer should be your own.

Recorded answers should be your own work, not AI generated.

Exemption Policy: Semester exam (spring sem only) exemptions will follow district policy. (Sem average 80 or above; no more than 3 absences)

Attendance: Students are expected to be in class every day. In the event of an absence, it is the student's responsibility to log into Schoology and complete the assignment for the day(s).

Tutorials: Honors Biology tutorials will be held in room 208 at the following times:
Tuesday – Thursday 7:45 – 8:20 AM or 4:00 – 4:30 PM.

Test Corrections: If students score below a 70 on a major assignment, they will have the opportunity to correct exams/major grades. Students will have 5 school days to come to Bobcat Block, meet with the teacher for clarification on the concepts, and complete the test corrections. **This will enable the student to raise their grade to a maximum of 70.**

Grade Drops: The lowest minor grade for each nine weeks will be dropped.

Classroom Procedures:

Beginning of Class:

- Come into class on time.
- Read the daily agenda. Follow any instructions that are given.
- Any handouts that you will need for class that day will be placed by the door. It is **YOUR** responsibility to pick these up on your way into the classroom.
- The date and agenda for the day will always be posted. Assignments, due dates, etc. for the week are always on the white board. Please refer to this board frequently.

Bathroom Breaks:

- We will be using Minga for all restroom breaks and hall passes. Each student receives 2 passes/day that they can use in any of their classes. You may only use one pass per class. Only one student can be out of class at a time.

End of Class:

- The room must be quiet, clean, and all students must be in their seats before I dismiss you.

Classroom Expectations:

Students are expected to enter the classroom ready to learn. Students need to have all required supplies with them every day. Students who routinely disturb class or who routinely come to class unprepared will be assigned teacher detention and/or principal referral. Class rules:

1. **Show respect: Treat others the way you wish to be treated**
2. **Follow all classroom procedures and lab safety rules**
3. **Stay on task!**

I have read, understand, and comply with the policies, procedures, and expectations outlined in this Course Syllabus

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Student Signature Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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Teacher Signature Date