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Units to Be Covered

- ❖ Similarities and Differences Among Living Things
- ❖ Homeostasis in Living Things
- ❖ Genetics
- ❖ Evolution
- ❖ Human Body Systems
- ❖ Ecology
- ❖ Human Impact on Ecosystems

Required Materials

- ❖ 3-ring binder (at least 2")
- ❖ Spiral notebook (2 or 3 subject)
- ❖ 3-ring binder (1" -if you plan on typing your notes)

Grading Policy

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| ❖ Tests & Projects | 35% |
| ❖ Labs | 25% |
| ❖ Quizzes | 10% |
| ❖ Chapter Notes | 15% |
| ❖ Homework/Class Activities | 15% |

Tests

Tests will be given at the end of each unit/topic of study and will be graded on a scale from 0-100. The tests will be formatted to include some or all of the following:

- Multiple-choice
- Matching
- Fill in the blank
- True/False
- Short answer/essay

Students who are legally absent on the day of a test will be given a make-up test. Arrangements to make up tests must be made upon returning to school. Failure to do so will result in a grade of zero. All tests must be made up within 1 week. Students who are illegally absent will receive a grade of zero (No Exceptions!).

Labs

- Completed lab reports are essential for the successful completion of this class. If you are absent from class, it is **your responsibility** to make arrangements with me to make up the missed lab. The lab equipment and materials will only be available for **ONE-week** after the lab is due.
- Labs will be completed in either small groups or with a partner. All lab reports must be written up and handed in individually.
- All labs will be due **1 day** after the completion of the lab activity in class (For example, labs completed in class on Tuesday will be due on Wednesday). You are expected to complete all sections of a lab prior to handing it in. All incomplete labs will be returned to you and must be resubmitted. Labs that are turned in late will result in a 5-point deduction for each day late. Labs that are more than **5 school days** late will automatically receive a grade of **65** with no exceptions!
- A minimum of 1200 minutes (30 acceptable lab hours) must be on file for admission to the Regents exam (this is a New York State requirement!). If this requirement is not met, the student will not be eligible to take the Living Environment Regents Exam and will fail the course. Labs that are turned in late can still be counted toward the 1200 minutes, as long as they are satisfactorily completed. Students who do not meet the lab requirement will not be eligible for summer school.

- Labs that are missing, or incomplete must be handed in by the end of the marking period in which they were assigned. Failing labs must be corrected to earn a grade of 65. All labs that are not handed in will receive a grade of zero. If you owe more than 3 labs at the end of the marking period, you will be required to stay 10th period to complete the missing labs (for NY State lab credit only).
- **Do not procrastinate!** You will not be able to make up labs at the end of the school year unless they are labs from the last marking period.

Quizzes

Students can expect to take at least one quiz during each unit/topic of study. Chapter outlines may be used for all outline quizzes. If you are legally absent from school, arrangements to make up missed quizzes must be made upon returning to school. Failure to do so will result in a grade of zero. All quizzes must be made up within 1 week.

Projects

Projects may be completed with a partner or individually and count as a test grade. A rubric will be used to evaluate each project and will be distributed when the project(s) is assigned.

Chapter Notes

Taking good notes is essential for successfully completing Biology. Chapter outlines will serve as your class notes and must be completed as they are assigned. You must bring your chapter outlines to class everyday. If you are absent from class on the day a chapter outline is due, it is your responsibility to hand it in the day you return to school in order to receive credit.

Homework Assignments

Homework is due at the beginning of class and will not be accepted at any other time. In other words, I do not accept late homework. If you are absent from class with a legal excuse on a day that homework is due, it is up to you to show me the completed assignment if you want to get credit for doing it.