

Prattville High School

2021-2022

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Subject: General Biology

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Course Description

Biology is the study of life. We will review facts learned in 7th grade life science and delve a little bit deeper into each topic. Our units will cover the cell, ecology, DNA and heredity, taxonomy, and evolution. This is my tenth year at Prattville High. Biology can be challenging in many respects. One of those challenges is the new terms. We will use different strategies in class and at home to learn those terms. We will perform many lab/activities to help students develop critical thinking skills by analyzing data from those labs.

Grading will occur on a variety of assignments, including class participation, worksheets, writing assignments, modified problem-solving labs, activities, quizzes, tests, and projects.

Each student will receive a copy of the textbook for their personal use during the school year. We will be using Schoology as a learning management system this year. There will be times students will also login to their account while in class and asked to complete an assignment.

Please see me if you have any questions about grades. I would encourage you to visit <http://gophslions.com> for any information you may need about Prattville High School.

Course Materials:

Textbook: *Biology, Miller and Levine by Pearson*

** A copy of the textbook may be taken home upon request. You must obtain approval from the teacher BEFORE taking any textbook outside the classroom.**

Device: You will need a desktop, laptop, tablet, or cell phone to complete Schoology content.

Online Course Materials: Materials will be in your Schoology account.

Grading

- **Grades will be posted in PowerSchool.**
- **Late work will be penalized 10% each day late.**
- Major Grades (4) = 55% Minor Grades (7-9) = 45%
- **A = 90 – 100 B = 80 – 89 C = 70 – 79 D = 60 – 69 F = 0 – 59**

Please see back.

Make-up work Policy

- See Student Handbook.
- Work will be posted daily in Schoology. I encourage you to check Schoology for work missed. Copies of all handouts will be in the "While You Were Out" basket in class.
- Only make up work with an **EXCUSED** absence will be entered in PowerSchool.
- All makeup work must be completed before or after school, **NEVER DURING CLASS!**
- All missed notes are your responsibility to copy from a classmate, not mine.

Test and Projects

- Each test may consist of multiple formats (multiple choice, matching, fill in the blank, short answer, etc.).
- There will be a minimum of 4 major grades each nine week period. These will consist of projects and test grades.

Supplies

- 3-ring binder with notebook paper (for notes, assignments, and returned graded papers)
- #2 pencils
- Remind app for phone
- Schoology account and device to access with
- A Bell Ringer Notebook will be provided for you. You must keep up with this notebook throughout the entire year. If you lose your notebook, a replacement is \$5.
- Other items: See class period specific list.

Class Rules and Expectations

1. Show **RESPECT** – to teacher, peers, and yourself!
2. Be in your seat, quiet and ready to work when the tardy bell rings. You should be working on bell ringer for the day when bell rings.
3. Take care of personal needs **BEFORE CLASS**. Bathroom, snacks, fixing your hair, etc. We will take a class restroom break during block periods.
4. **NO** sleeping in the classroom!
5. **NO** cell phones, headphones/airpods, iPads/tablets, or other unapproved electronic devices are to be used in the classroom unless directed by a teacher.
6. Keep desk and work area **CLEAN**. If you leave trash, you will lose participation points for that day.
7. Mask are strongly encouraged! Mask requirement may change depending on ACBOE policy. Mask bullying will NOT be tolerated.

Discipline Policy for Rule Violations

1st offense: Verbal warning **2nd offense:** Parent/guardian contact **3rd offense:** Morning detention at 7:15 a.m. **4th offense:** Referral to administration

Exceptions: *Skipping class, violent behavior, and other actions deemed unacceptable according to the Student Handbook will result in an immediate referral to administration. Also, any admission into ISS and Alternative School will void the student from any field trips associated with this class.*

Please return the form below to Mrs. Warren by August 12th. The syllabus can be found on my PHS website faculty page and Schoology.

I have read and understand the policies and procedures for Mrs. Warren's Anatomy and Physiology class and have shared them with my parents.

Student name: _____ Student Signature _____ Period: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian e-mail address: _____

Best phone number to contact parents: _____ Student cell: _____