

Communication all communication will be through ParentSquare or email.

Lesson Plans can be found at gophslions.com. Go to School Staff, click Ferguson

GRADING

- Major Grades will include Unit Tests, Major Projects, and Major Lab Assessments. Minor Grades will occur on a variety of assignments, including class participation, worksheets, writing assignments, problem-solving labs, and quizzes.
- Papers/projects will be returned to you. Tests are kept in my files. Keep all returned graded papers until that term is complete to verify grades, if a question arises.
- Grades will be recorded in Powerschool. **Check your grades regularly. Please see me if you have any questions about your grade.**

- **Honors Biology**

1st Semester	Major Grades=65% 1st nine weeks =40%	Minor Grades=35% 2nd nine weeks =40%	Midterm=20%
2nd Semester	Major Grades=65% 3rd nine weeks=40%	Minor Grades=35% 4th nine weeks=40%	Final =20%

ASSIGNMENTS

- Many assignments be submitted through Schoology for all students (unless otherwise specified)
- Projects will **NOT** be accepted more than **2 days late** and will drop 10% of the assigned grade each day.
- Students may retake **ONE** test per semester and the higher grade will be accepted.
- If a student is caught with a cell phone or other method for cheating during a test, he/she will receive a 0 with no retake.

MAKEUP WORK

It is the *student's responsibility* to communicate with me about makeup work. For regular daily assignments (other than projects), you have as many days to make up the work as you have been "excused" for your absence. Projects are due on the assigned due date or the day you return from an absence.

REMEMBER: It is your responsibility to make up tests and assignments without me reminding you.

- Tests must be made up **before school** within **one week** after returning to school.

LATE -WORK POLICY

- Daily classwork assignments - No credit given **without** excused absence.
- Projects and all other assignments will be accepted late only with an excused absence.

GRADING SCALE

90-100	A	60-69	D
80-89	B	0-59	F
79-70	C		

SUPPLIES

- composition book
- glue stick
- tape
- pencil
- colored pencils

RULES

- Show respect to everyone and everything!
- Be in your seat and ready to work when the tardy bell rings.
- Bring your notebook and paper, pens and pencils to class every day.
- Personal area must be clear of trash before leaving class.
- You must stay in your assigned seat at all times unless given permission to get up.

Restroom Policy

The whole class will take restroom breaks on block days. You will be given 8 passes per quarter to be used during any other time in class. No additional bathroom passes will be given unless there is an emergency.

Cell phone Policy

Cell phones, ear buds, smart watches, gaming devices, etc. are not permitted in school at any time. Please refer to the Focus Act.

DISCIPLINE POLICY FOR CLASSROOM RULE VIOLATION

1st offense: verbal warning

2nd offense: parent/guardian contact

3rd offense: parent-teacher-admin conference

4th offense: office referral

CONTENT

The objectives of the **Alabama Course of Study** and the **ACT Quality Core Standards** will be taught through the following *Disciplinary Core Ideas*:

1. ***From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes***
2. ***Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics***
3. ***Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits***
4. ***Unity and Diversity***

Donations of paper towels, tissues, hand sanitizer, wipes, and packs of copy paper are appreciated.

The science department asks for a **\$10 cash donation** to purchase lab supplies, and technology equipment.

Thank you! I look forward to working with you and your child this term!

Please return the form below to Mrs. Ferguson by August 15, 2025.

I have read and understand the policies and procedures for Mrs. Ferguson's Honors Biology class and have shared them with my parents.

Student's name: _____ Period _____

Student's signature: _____

Parent's/Guardian signature: _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Parent's email address _____