

Biology Syllabus

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Course Overview: Biology is one of your **required** courses for graduation. The focus of biology is to learn about the world around us and the organisms that inhabit this world. We will study modern biological principles to increase awareness of the relationships between scientific thought, current knowledge in biology, and everyday living. Much will be expected of each student and self-directed study is essential in pursuit of academic achievement in this course.

Objectives: The Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) may be viewed on the Department of Georgia website. These standards guide us as we prepare for the Georgia Milestones (EOC). The Georgia Milestones indicate mastery of the material completed in this course and you are advised to do your very best to guarantee success. The EOC will contribute 20% to your course grade.

Biology Units of Study and Pacing Guide:

Unit One: **Cells** (3 weeks)

Unit Two: **Genetics** (3 weeks)

Unit Three: **Heredity** (3 weeks)

Unit Four: **Classification** (3 weeks)

Unit Five: **Ecology** (3 weeks)

Unit Six: **Evolution** (3 weeks)

Required Materials: Unless you are told otherwise, bring **ALL** required materials to class every day.

- Pencils and blue or black pens
- Notebook filled with paper
- Colored pencils

Grading Policy:

Your overall grade is determined by an 18-week average and the Georgia Milestones EOC

- The 18-week average makes up 80% of your grade.
- The EOC makes up 20% of your grade.

Your 18-week average is calculated in the following way:

- Tests and major projects: 50% (The mid-term exam counts as two test grades.)
- Quizzes, and projects: 30%
- Classwork assignments and homework assignments: 20%

Make up Work: If you have been absent, first ask your classmates what you missed. See your teachers before/after class to obtain any handouts you may have missed. We are more than happy to help you, but do not wait until the last minute. This should not be a difficult procedure to follow.

