

Science the Brown Way

Biological Science
Fall Semester 2021

Teacher: Mrs. Amber Brown

The following information describes the classroom procedures and expectations for the students enrolled in this class. Students are expected to review this information with their parents and sign/return the signature page to the teacher.

1. Science the Brown way...

- (1) Food, drink and gum ARE NOT permitted in the **lab**, it is against county and state safety regulations. Drinks must have a screw top and remain at the students' desk. Trash must be put in the appropriate receptacle or the privilege of light snacks will be revoked.
- (2) Students should refrain from using their cell phones during class. There is a "Cell Phone Parking Lot" provided in class, where students will put their phones so they are not a distraction. Class phones are located in each classroom if students need to make an unexpected phone call home, etc. *Please see the attached cell phone policy for more information.*
- (3) Students are expected to attend to personal needs before class. (Bathroom, etc.) Bathroom passes will be issued, students are only issued this ONCE in a semester, **USE THEM WISELY**. May not use them in the first 15 and the last 15 minutes of class.
- (4) Bring all appropriate materials with you to class.
- (5) Students will only use and collect materials in the classroom when instructed to do so. Do not use ANY classroom material without permission from the teacher. Also, all class material/furniture should be treated with respect. (No writing on desktops or rocking back in desk seats, throwing items around the room, spitting spit balls, etc.)
- (6) Do not enter UNAUTHORIZED areas without permission. (Behind teacher's desk, in storage closets, etc.)
- (7) Students should refrain from talking when the teacher is talking and should raise their hands if they would like to contribute the conversation.
- (8) Students are encouraged to engage in classroom discussions, in an appropriate manner.
- (9) Work bell to bell everyday! **The teacher dismisses you from class, not the bell.**
- (10) Substitute teachers should be treated with the utmost respect.
- (11) Students are to following any and all rules and expectation that are listed in the student handbook.

2. Classroom Expectations:

- (1) Be respectful to EVERYONE and EVERYTHING
- (2) Stay in your seats.
- (3) No cell phones or other electronic devices.
- (4) Pick up after yourself.

Students who fail to follow the rules will receive the following consequences:

Offense 1-Verbal warning.

Offence 2- Phone call home.

Offense 3-Office referral

The level of consequence is subject to change depending on the severity of the inappropriate behavior.

3. **Attendance:** Students that miss more than 5 days are in danger of not receiving course. See *“Student Handbook”* for more information.
4. **Tardy Policy:** Students are expected to be in the classroom at the sound of the bell. An unexcused tardy to class will be not be tolerated. If the bell rings prior to entering the class, you must go to the attendance window to receive a tardy slip. See *“Student Handbook”* for more information.
5. **Classroom Materials:**
 - Each student is required to have the following materials for this class:
 - **\$5.00 Science fee**-required by THS
 - 3 subject OR five subject spiral notebook
 - Folder with pockets and center prongs
 - #2 pencils-mechanical or standard
 - Blue/Black Pens
 - Colored Pens (at least 2 different colors other than black or blue)
 - Each student needs to have access to the following at home to complete assigned work:
 - Colored pencils (at least 12 different colors)
 - Glue Sticks (3 pack of jumbo sticks)
 - scissors
6. **Homework:**
 - Homework is due at the **BEGINNING** of the period (within the first 5 minutes); it must be placed in the appropriate box marked with your assigned period. After the 1st five minutes is up it will be considered late. The assignment can be turned in after the due date for up to a 60%.
 - DO NOT ASSUME THAT IT IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE TURNED IN BECAUSE I DID NOT ASK FOR IT. If homework is due the day that you are absent then it is YOUR responsibility to make sure you turn it in the day you return. For makeup work you are given the same allotted time to turn in your work as days missed. It is YOUR responsibility to make sure you get your make up work from the makeup work folders or from the teacher. Missed activities and labs need to be scheduled with the teacher.
7. **Quizzes:** Quizzes will be given periodically to check for understanding of the material. Some quizzes are announced and some are not! (Pop Quizzes). Always be prepared for me to assess your knowledge. If you are absent on the day of a quiz, it is YOUR responsibility to make up your missed quiz.
8. **Tests:** Test material can come from ANYTHING we do in class. It is your responsibility to take good notes and pay attention in class to get the needed information for your test. If you do not understand a concept, then you need to ask for help. You will be given 8 tests throughout the semester. If you are absent the day of the test, it is your responsibility to schedule a makeup. The makeup test **MUST BE DONE WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE DAY YOU RETURN!!** After a week your grade will be a ZERO.
9. **Exams:** The final exam is a North Carolina state END OF COURSE TEST; it is cumulative (covering ALL material). It counts 25% of your whole semester grade!

10. **Extra Help:** All students are encouraged to seek extra help on concepts that they do not understand. I am always willing to help; you just have to ask. Student should be contentious about maintaining their grades throughout the semester. **DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST FEW WEEKS!!** EXTRA CREDIT is a rarity.

11. **Grades:**

- Grading Scale:
100-90=A
89-80=B
79-70=C
69-60=D
<60=F
 - Grade Percentages:
50%-Major Assessment (Tests/Projects)
30%-Minor Assessments (Labs/Quizzes)
20%-Homework (also includes Classwork)
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- **Interim/Progress Reports:** You will receive interim/progress reports twice this semester that will list your current grade and percentages for each assignment. These must be signed by your parent/guardian and returned to me, this will count as a **QUIZ GRADE**. Failure to turn in report will result in a ZERO and a phone call home.

12. **Cheating:** Cheating in any form including copying homework, looking at a classmate's exam/test, using a cell phone or other electronic devices during testing, talking during the testing period and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Cheating will result in an automatic office referral. *Read Trinity High School and Randolph County Schools handbook for more information about this policy.*

13. **Contact information:**

- Email: a2brown@randolph.k12.nc.us
- Phone: 336-861-6870 x. 67219
- Location: Classroom: A41

14. **Mrs. Brown's Daily Schedule:**

Period	Class
First Block	Biology
Second Block	Biology
Third Block	Honors Biology
Fourth Block	Planning

Classroom Rules and Procedures Signature Page

This page is to be signed and returned to Mrs. Brown **AFTER** you have read through the rules and procedures with your child.

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, verify that I have read all the rules, procedures and expectations in Mrs. Brown's Biology Class.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

I, _____, as a student in Mrs. Brown's Biology class verify that I have read and will follow all the rules, procedures and expectations. Failure to abide by these rules will result in consequences set forth in this guide.

Student Signature _____ Date _____