**Biology Syllabus**

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**Course Description:** Biology is the science that studies living things. This laboratory-based course focuses on the process of scientific investigation through the study of living things and the world in which we live.

**Objectives:** As a student you will be exposed to new scientific language and concepts, technology, and research. You will actively participate in laboratory investigations using the scientific methods to help you develop or strengthen scientific attitudes and interests. You will be encouraged and guided towards taking an independent responsibility in your own learning, which will prepare you for college, technical school, and/or the workplace. This will be measured by your success in meeting the requirements to pass the class and the biology exam at the end of the year.

**Class Requirements:**

1. Textbook: Discover Education eBook
2. A lab fee of $10.00 (a student on free or reduced lunch may not be required to pay the lab fee, but must complete a FEE WAIVER FORM and be approved).
3. A composition notebook is required. All other supplies needed will be told to you in advance.

**Makeup work:** Makeup work is the sole responsibility of the student. All missed class work, tests, projects, etc. (whether from excused or unexcused absence) is/are required to be made up.  All make-up work will be due within three (3) days of absence. For multiple consecutive absences, the teacher and student will meet together to determine a fair due date of missed assignments. There will be a point deduction of 10% daily.

**Grading System:** All assignments are graded on a point system.  The number of points for each assignment will vary depending on the type of assignment and the complexity of the assignment. For example, tests, labs, and projects will be assigned more points than class work assignments. To calculate the student’s average, the total number of points earned is divided by the total number of points possible.

Grading Policy:  A= 90-100% B= 80-89% C= 70-79% D= 60-69% F= Below 59%

**Honors Classes will be earning 3 extra points in a variety of ways.** These students will be utilizing self-study, inquiry based learning within groups, extended reading and writing assignments, labs, and research projects. Both the general Biology and the Honors classes will cover the Tennessee Standards in the same sequence but will be differentiated by assignments and assessments.