**SCIENCE - Biology**

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Welcome to my Science Class. I hope you will find that you have entered an environment where you can be comfortable, have fun, and most importantly learn. ☺

PURPOSE:  This course will explore the biological principles curriculum in preparation for the State of Tennessee End-of-Course Exam and the science reasoning portion of the ACT. The following areas will be covered: Cells and cellular functions, chemistry of living things, classification and ecology, heredity, biodiversity and biological change.

This course will also provide the knowledge, prerequisite skills, and a basic foundation for continued studies in Chemistry and Biology.

**CLASSROOM RULES**: I prefer to have only one classroom rule – The Golden Rule = “do unto others as you would have them do to you”. Show respect to each other (including me) at all times, and everyone will get along great!

**CLASS PROCEDURES**:

Materials – I require that you keep some type of folder or binder to keep all papers received and work completed in this class. Also have available pencils, pens (whichever color you prefer to write with), and some type of colors for coloring assignments.

Lab Fee – There is a $10 lab fee to be used to purchase consumables for hands-on, inquiry based reinforcement labs.

Homework – Homework will be assigned as needed. Primarily your homework will be completing whatever work was not completed during our class time, studying for any quizzes or tests, working on any assigned projects, and reviewing your lessons in preparation for each new day of learning.

Assessments/Tests – Assessments will be given at the completion of unit material. We may also have regularly scheduled quizzes on vocabulary and certain concepts.

Projects - Projects may be assigned with certain unit material. They may be group or individual projects and may count as two or three test grade

Make-Up Work – Students will  have the number of days to make up missed assignments as the number of days missed. Students are responsible for making arrangements for missed assignments.

Late Work   FCHS Policy: Late Work/Point Deductions

1. A student who does not have an assignment completed and ready to turn in the day the assignment is due will receive a twenty-percentage (20) point deduction and will be given one additional day to turn in the assignment. No late assignments will be accepted after the following day the assignment is due.
2. A student is allowed two (2) late assignments per semester.  After the second late assignment the teacher will assign a grade of zero (0) for each subsequent late assignment.  A student is responsible for arranging additional time with their teacher(s) if the situation warrants.

School Rules – All school policies for tardiness, absences, etc. will be followed.

**GRADING POLICIES**:

Calculation Of Your Grade = I grade on a point system – you get a grade for **EVERYTHING** you do in my class which includes but not limited to: Assessments/Tests/Quizzes/Projects/Class Work/Homework/Labs

**GRADING SCALE:**

**A   93-100**

**B   85-92**

**C   75-84** Final Semester Grade – Your final semester grade will be the average of your two nine week

**D   70-74**  grades

**F   below 70**

\*\*\* I highly encourage you to keeps all graded material in case you have any questions concerning a

 grade.

\*\*\* Grades will be posted regularly in Skyward using your student ID number. I encourage you to check

 your grades and ask questions if needed.

**\*\*\* If you ever have any questions or need help on any of our assignments I am available in**

 **the mornings 7:00 -7:45 and in the afternoons 3:00 – 3:45. \*\*\***

Class Guidelines – Miscellaneous

Scents - Allergies

Phones – not seen or heard (same for earplugs, head phones, speakers etc..)

Dress Code

Drink – Food

Trash

Seats

Passes

Student Table - Extra Copies – No Name

Turn in and Exit Ticket Basket

Drills – (Fire – Tornado – Lockdown)

Bell Schedule – **STAY SEATED** until the bell rings at the end of class

Lunch – based on 3rd block – we have 4th lunch

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