

Communication all communication will be through ParentSquare.

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**

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

ASSIGNMENTS

- Many assignments be submitted through Google Classroom 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.
- **Cell phones and ear buds are not permitted in class at any time.**
- 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.

DISCIPLINE POLICY FOR RULE VIOLATION

1st offense: verbal warning

2nd offense: parent/guardian contact

3rd offense: office referral

CONTENT

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

Unit 1: The Foundations of Life

Unit 2: Bioenergetics

Unit 3: Molecular Genetics

Unit 4: Inheritance

Unit 5: Evolution

Unit 6: Ecology

Donations of paper towels, tissues, hand sanitizer, wipes, expo markers, and packs of copy paper and notebook 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 17, 2023.

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 _____