

# Honors Biology Syllabus 2022-2023 School Year



## Teacher's Information

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## General Information

### Course Description

Honors Biology provides an in-depth introduction to biology, the study of living things.

### Expectations and Goals

Students are expected to respect one another as a contribution to a safe and fun learning environment. The goal is to provide students with a profound understanding in Biology that will provide them with the ability to make educated decisions in life.

## Materials

### To facilitate learning, students will need...

- Electronic device(s) (school issued laptop)
- 1 ½" - Binder
- Notebook paper or 1-Subject Spiral Notebook
- Blue or Black pen
- Pencils with eraser
- Glue Stick or liquid glue

## Course & Exam Schedule (Subject to Change)

<u>Fall Semester</u>		<u>Spring Semester</u>	
Unit 1: Cells	<b>Benchmark (Nov)</b>	Unit 4: Genetics	Unit 7: Ecology
<b>Check Point Assessment (Sept)</b>	<b>EOC All Subjects (Dec)(Re-testers)</b>	Unit 5: Evolution	<b>Check Point Assessment (Apr)</b>
Unit 2: Nucleic Acids	<b>Check Point Assessment (Dec)</b>	<b>TELPAS Test (Feb-Mar)</b>	Unit 8: Living Systems
Unit 3: Cell Division	<b>Mid Terms (Dec)</b>	Unit 6: Taxonomy	<b>Eng. &amp; Bio. EOC (Apr)</b>
		<b>Benchmark (Mar)</b>	<b>Finals (May)</b>

## Course Work

Students will demonstrate mastery of the course by accomplishing the following tasks:

- Review notes a minimum of 20 min. daily.
- Taking & or Completing notes during class discussions.
- Defining content related vocabulary.
- Scoring a 70 or higher on assignments, quizzes & Exams.
- Daily participation on bell ringers & exit tickets.
- Participating and completing physical or virtual lab experiments and lab reports.
- Participating in group projects every six weeks.

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### Class Policies & Procedures

- Be prompt, prepared and ready to engage in class discussions.
- Class dismissal is done by the teacher; the bell ONLY indicates teachers that class has ended.
- Adhere to school policies & lab safety rules; failure to do may result in a referral, suspension or accidents.
- Students are **accountable** for missed assignments when absent.
  - Digital files of the assignment and a summary of what was done for the day/week are available on **Schoology**. (**Don't wait until you return to my class to see your missed assignments unless instructed to wait by me.**)
- Pre-set deadlines for projects will be respected;
  - Projects are expected to be submitted on time in the event of an absence.
  - The teacher may work with students on a **case-by-case** basis.
- Cheating will not be tolerated and will result in loss full credit for assignment/exam.
- Assignments turned in after a due date **will not** receive full credit.
  - 10 points will be deducted from the final grade each day that the assignment is late.
  - No late work after the 4<sup>th</sup> missed day.
- Students will only have **5 school days** to take a re-test.
  - Re-test may only be done during tutorial hours.
  - **No re-test** will be allowed if the failing grade is due to **cheating**.
- Assigned seating will be implemented every six weeks or as deemed necessary.
- Students are allowed restroom breaks **15mins after** the bell and **15 minutes** before the bell rings.
  - During restroom breaks, be quick & considerate of others.
  - **Students who abuse this privilege will lose it.**
  - Restroom privileges may change with medical excuse **reported** to the school nurse.

### *In the event that Distant Learning is implemented by the district:*

- Assignment will be posted on Schoology and a digital notebook will be kept using the OneNote (Microsoft App provided by BISD).
- Meetings will take place via Microsoft Teams.
- Communication will take place via Microsoft & e-mails.
- In the case of emergency, I will contact parents via e-mail, or telephone (if information is updated on the Teacher Access Center)