



Woodland High School Biology Course Syllabus 2023-2024

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Individual Teacher Office Hours are posted in Google Classroom.

Welcome to Biology! We will be exploring the world around us, explaining the complexities of life and investigating the phenomenon surrounding it. We have high expectations of everyone and know you will be working hard to obtain a greater understanding and appreciation for the world we live in. Academic success is guaranteed to anyone who is prepared, participates in class, maintains a positive attitude, and consistently strives to do their best. We hope you are looking forward to an amazing science experience and ready to THRIVE!

Course Description

In Biology, you will investigate biological concepts through experience in hands-on labs, modeling, field work, scientific questioning, reading and writing. We will study and explore concepts such as the interdependence of organisms, the relationship of matter, energy, and organization in living systems, the behavior of organisms, genetics, and biological evolution.

Course Content

Nature of Science	Chemistry of Life	Cells	
Genetics	Evolution	Ecology	Diversity

Text Book

Biology, Stephen Nowicki

Replacement cost \$83.14

Digital access to the most current textbook and student resources are available to students through LaunchPad on student ChromeBooks, HMH.

Classroom Rules and Discipline Procedures

To ensure an optimum learning environment, please adhere to the following WHS Student Non-Negotiables:

- Be in class on time
- Be prepared for class and ready to learn before the bell rings
- Dress for success – follow the dress code
- Refrain from eating in the classroom
- Hats and headgear should be removed upon entering the building
- Cell phones will be placed in the phone caddy daily
- Use appropriate language in the building
- Everything A.C.E.S.

As WHS students, you are to follow the guidelines for our Science Classroom as well as those stated in your Student Handbook and on the Lab Safety Guideline. There is no eating or drinking in the lab science classroom. Students are expected to wear masks while working at the lab stations.

The following consequences will be enforced if the Classroom Expectations are broken

1st offense	Warning
2nd offense	Student conference and call to parent (<i>inappropriate technology use</i>)
3rd offense	30-minute detention and call to parent
4th offense	Office referral

A major offense by ANY student will result in an immediate referral to the office.

Laboratory Safety

A separate Lab Safety Contract will be provided for review and an electronic signature by both student and parent/guardian. It must be signed by both parties and submitted before the student can participate in the labs. Failure to adhere to the safety regulations during a lab will result in immediate removal from the lab, loss of grade and possible disciplinary actions according to the offense.

Make-up Policies

Unexcused absences will result in no grades awarded for the work given while absent. Excused absences allow the students to make up the work in the equal amount of time they were absent. It is the student's responsibility to see the teacher before or after class/school for make-up work the day the student returns from an absence. Unless an absence exceeds 3 days, labs and tests must be completed (or scheduled at the teacher's discretion) within 2 days of the student's return to school in order to receive credit.

Late Work Policies

Students will be given two days to submit late work with no penalty. If work is submitted 3-5 days past the due date, the maximum score is 75 on the assignment. Major projects, science research project (SRP) requirements and study guides must be turned in on the due date or a penalty will occur. Late work of any kind will not be accepted for a unit once that unit is complete (summative assessment).

Missing Work

Friday detention will be held every Friday from 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm for any student who has missing work/a zero in the grade book. Friday detention is mandatory for students who have a zero/missing work. If missing work is turned in before 3:15pm on Friday, you will be dismissed from detention.

School-wide Grading Requirements Are As Follows (Semester Grading)

Semester Final Average:

20% Final exam or EOC/Milestone Assessment

40% Practice Work

(Examples include: classwork, homework, formative assessments, minor labs, and quizzes)

40% Assessment Tasks

(Examples include: quizzes, major labs, summative assessments, major tests/projects)

*Grades for each 9-week grading period should include a minimum of the following: 3 tests in the Assessment Task category, 3 labs/quizzes in Assessment Task category and 9 Practice Work grades.

Materials Needed

Pencil and Pen
Composition Book

Suggested: (colored pencils, glue stick, highlighter, headphones for Chromebook)

Technology Information

All students will sign the computer use form provided by Henry County Schools. Students are to use technology for instructional purposes ****Phones should not be used during class time. They are expected to be placed in the phone caddy as you enter the room. If a phone is out or being used during class, unless specifically given permission by the teacher, a discipline offense will be issued.***

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is a fundamental value of quality education; therefore, Woodland High School will not tolerate any acts of cheating, plagiarism, or falsification of school work. Should it be determined that an academic integrity violation has taken place, the school reserves the right to assign a grade of zero and submit disciplinary referral to the appropriate administrator. The school also reserves the right to remove or suspend enrollment in Advanced Placement/Honors classes as well as Academic Honor Society.

I have read and understand the Biology course requirements and expectations outlined in the syllabus. I also understand I may contact my child's teacher with questions or concerns.

Student Name, please print.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Parents' Signature

Parent email, please print.

Date