**COURSE OVERVIEW**

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| Course Title | Biology |
| Teacher’s Name | Ms. M. Hubbard |
| Course Information | * 1st, 3rd, and 5th hour
* Room 321
* 2 semesters for 1 credit
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| Teacher Information | * 4th hour planning
* After school tutoring daily until 3pm (unless otherwise noted)
* 810-591-5570
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| Course Description and Overview of Content | In this course we will be learning about life science. Topics will include characteristics of living things, population growth and interactions, evolution, growth and reproduction, inheritance and protein synthesis, and energy.  |
| Course Goal/Intended Outcomes | By the end of this course, students will have a solid background in biology. Students will generally follow this course with a chemistry or physics class to fulfill science graduation requirements. |
| Textbook and/or Other Materials | The textbook for this course is Biology. Students must have a notebook, writing utensil, and binder/folder on a daily basis. |
| Format and Activities | Each lesson will review previous concepts. Students will work cooperatively performing labs and completing other hands-on activities. Student attendance and daily participation will be extremely important to the learning process and success in the classroom. |
| Grading Practices and Procedures | Grades will be determined using the following:* tests
* classwork/homework

Semester grades will be determined using the following percentages:* 80% MP 1, 2, & 3 (or 4, 5, & 6)
* 20% final exam
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| Attendance/Tardiness | * Students are tardy if they are not in the door when the bell rings (handled according to student handbook)
* Assignments due to absence are due the number of absence days, plus one day, upon return to school
* Students are responsible for obtaining their missed assignments
* Students absent on a test day should expect to take the test upon their return
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| Classroom Rules and Procedures | Students are expected to be prepared and participate on a daily basis. Proper classroom behavior is expected to ensure success of students and provide an environment where all students are able to learn. Any student impeding the learning of others will go through progressive discipline.Students who act irresponsibly (not observing the safety rules) during laboratory activities will be removed from the lab and lose that portion of their grade. |
| Late Work Policy | Assignments turned in late will receive a maximum credit of 75%. After the completion of a unit, students will have one week to turn in their late work. After that, it will not be accepted. |
| Technology Usage | Online activities will occasionally be used in class. All students must have an AUP on file with the media center. Cell phones should not be used during class, unless otherwise specified. |
| Academic Integrity/Cheating | Students will be placed in groups for the purpose of learning cooperatively. Their tests and written work, however, are expected to be their own. Students cheating or unfairly assisting other students during a test will lose all credit on that test. Students may cooperate on labs and converse about lab write-ups, but they may not copy each other’s work. If caught copying another student’s work, both students will not receive credit for that assignment. |