

Expect to fail, but do not expect to be a failure -- Anonymous

Knowing how to think empowers you far beyond knowing only what to think. -- Neil deGrasse Tyson

MATERIALS

Textbook – Biology Life on Earth by Audesirk, Audesirk & Byers	2" or 3" binder w/dividers "Notes", "HW", "Tests/Quizzes", "Labs", "Vocab"
Pen (Blue or Black only) and pencils	Loose leaf paper
3" x 5" index cards	Colored pencils (optional but strongly)

CLASS RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

- All assignments should have the following heading (this really makes my life much easier so please oblige me on this):

Name	Honors Bio 8
Date	Assignment (Ex HW #8)
- Each day an assignment is late you lose 20%. **Late assignments will not be accepted after one week.** Make sure to write legibly; if I can't read it, you have to redo it. If you know you have messy handwriting type your work (we have a computer lab open every day before and after school). You can also submit a Google doc via Google drive or email.
- **NO WHITE OUT!** If you make a mistake just draw a single line through it and move on. Use of White Out on the Regents exam can invalidate your test so this is to get you out of that habit.
- Be prepared to start class when the bell rings and do not start packing up your things before the end of class – it's impolite and disruptive.
- ****School Policy pg 16** – Cheating results in a grade of zero (0) on that test/assignment. The zero is averaged in with other course grades. Detention is imposed for the first offense & parent is notified. There are consequences for second and third offenses but let's not get to that point.
- ****School Policy pg 4** – Students should be prepared to take all makeup tests as soon as possible. Ex. – If you miss three classes (3) you must make up the missed test within three (3) school days otherwise you will get a zero. This is **YOUR** responsibility.
- I strongly encourage you to come to extra help if you are struggling or if you just want to reinforce class material. If you need extra help, please stop by or contact me to make an appointment. I will do my best to make myself available whenever you need help. **Please come to me to get help as soon as it is needed so as not to fall behind. BE PROACTIVE!**

GRADING

Your quarterly grades will be calculated according to the following scale

Assignment	Weight
Tests.....	70%
Quizzes, Projects & Labs.....	30%
HW, Class work & Participation	

LABS

- All formal lab write ups must be typed.
- Lab work must be done in either blue or black ink unless it involves graphing and/or drawing.
- Keep in mind that you are in a science lab. Safety is paramount! You are required to wear safety goggles for designated labs.
- Missed labs **MUST** be made up outside of class time within one week. This is extremely important because NYS mandates **1200 MINUTES INCLUDING FOUR STATE LABS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR IN ORDER TO TAKE THE REGENTS EXAM.**
- Labs are subject to the same late penalties as assignments

I look forward to an exciting and fun year! I hope you do as well.

Please have the bottom portion filled out and returned to me by our next class (this is your first assignment – don't be late). The top portion must be kept in your notebook/folder/binder at all times.

I have carefully read the above policy sheet and agree to follow all the guidelines. Please do not sign this if there are any points you disagree with but do make sure to address them with me **ASAP!**

Student Name (Print and sign)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date