

Level 2 Biology - Course Outline

Teacher: Mr. Mike Stanley

Texts: Miller & Levine: Biology

Materials: Text, 1 Marbled Notebook (Graph paper), binder with dividers (recommended)

Grading:

Grading of the course is as follows:

1. For each marking period, your marking period grades will be calculated according to the following percentages. These will count for 80% of your final grades.

<u>Marking period grades</u>
Homework / Classwork 20%
Exams / Projects 35%
Quizzes 20%
Labs 25%

2. At the end of the 2nd and 4th marking periods there will be a midterm and final exam respectively. Cumulatively, they will account for 20% of your final grade (10% each).

Homework Policy:

A homework pass system is incorporated. You will be allowed 2 HW passes during each marking period. These will automatically be entered into the grade book and will count as if the task was never assigned. Each unused HW pass will count as an extra credit percentage point for that marking period grade. **Labs do NOT count as homework assignments.**

Homework will be considered on-time if it is received any time before 12 midnight on its due date. You may email me homework, or use my school mailbox if necessary.

Homework will be accepted 1 week past its scheduled due date, however it will have a 25% markdown. Following the 1 week grace period, it will not be accepted. Feel free to email me homework assignments at my email address.

Absentee Policy:

It is your responsibility to make up any missed assignments due to excused absences. A "buddy system" is recommended to assist you with this. All work missed, due to unexcused absences will not be accepted. You will be able to access assignments by viewing the website.

Rules / Procedures:

In order for the class to run successfully, it is important to establish some rules to aid us in remaining on-task. I have reduced the rules to 6 general rules:

1. **Be on time.** I expect all students to be in the room when the late bell rings.
2. Follow directions the 1st time given.
3. Raise your hand & wait to be acknowledged before speaking. Otherwise remain quiet.

4. Remain seated (in your assigned seat). If you wish to leave your seat for any reason, obtain my permission first.
5. Wait to be dismissed DO NOT LINE UP AT DOOR (This is my pet peeve)
6. No food, beverages, or any other items prohibited by school policy are allowed in the classroom.

Discipline policy:

Enforcement of these rules will be given in a 4 step process. This will be as follows.

- 1st Violation - After class conference (no pass will be given)
- 2nd Violation - Detention (after school on the next school day).
- 3rd Violation - Detention & Parental contact.
- 4th Violation - Administrative referral.

Severe clause: If a serious disturbance is caused during class, or I deem your conduct is unsafe, you will be immediately removed from class, and will be referred to administration.

Web Site:

I maintain a website for my classes where you can download supplemental materials, or contact me for homework help. Its address is <http://www.mstanley.cherokee.site.eboard.com/>

This website serves the following functions:

1. Contains all my notes and powerpoints for the course. I strongly recommend downloading and printing them prior to beginning a unit. If you do not have internet access, please see me and I can make arrangements.
2. Contains all current activities and homework assignments for my classes. If you are out sick, or away on vacation you can use this page to keep up on assignments.
3. Contains current grades. You can see your current grade at any time. *I will discuss how to use thinkwave later.*
4. Links to contact me should you need help.

Contacting me:

By far and away the best way to reach me is by email. My address is mstanley@lrhsd.org . I can be reached by phone @ the school phone number (856) 983-5140 ext. 8839. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

I have Read and Understand the above rules and procedures:

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian Name: _____ Guardian Signature _____ Date _____