**Biology 1 Honors Syllabus/ Rules and Regulations**

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**All the rules and regulations of Hillsborough County will be adhered to in this classroom.**

**Guidelines:**

1. Be prepared for class. Bring the correct tools for learning every day. You will need your text book (covered), notebook (3-ring binder), and a pencil or pen.
2. I expect all students to respect and follow the school/county policies.
3. Be respectful. Be respectful of your school, self, and others. Leave all poor attitudes outside.
4. Be on time. Have yourself in your assigned seat before the tardy bell rings.
5. All cell phones will remain off throughout the duration of the class period.

**Environmental Concerns:**

* + **Stay in your assigned seat.** Do not move without permission. This is for your own safety. Some students get lost and cannot find their way back.
	+ **Raise your hand if you have a comment or information to relay to the class or myself.** All students have the RIGHT to learn. You will not infringe on classmates’ rights.
	+ **Trash is to be disposed of appropriately.** The floor is not an appropriate option. Our custodians work very hard to keep our campus beautiful. You will not make their jobs more difficult or make your teacher clean up after you.
	+ **Personal grooming is to be completed in the restroom between classes**. Use a chemicals and dissection specimens in labs means that application of makeup and grooming in class are not acceptable as contamination is a real possibility. The same goes for food.
	+ **Be aware that if I cannot read your work, I cannot grade it.** I do not work for the FBI in handwriting analysis. Conclusion? No grade.
	+ **Names on papers: No name = no grade.** If you do not care about receiving credit for your hard work, neither do I. All no name papers will be placed in the “Black Hole” folder. This is very kind of me; it is your responsibility to check Edsby and this folder.

**Text Books**

*Biology Florida Edition*, Glencoe/Mcgraw-Hill is the text book that will be used for this course. It will be issued during the first week of school and turned in on the last. Students are required to bring this book to class every day. Students are strongly encouraged to utilize the online textbook. The online textbook is easy to navigate and is rich in biology resources and engaging student activities.

**Required Materials**

1. 1” 3-ring binder with clear front sleeve
2. 12 dividers
3. college ruled paper
4. graph paper
5. sharpened Pencils/ pens and paper
6. highlighter
7. colored pencils
8. pack of sticky notes
9. calculator

**Laboratory Experiments**

You and your parent or guardian, prior to working in the lab will sign a lab safety contract. You will NOT be permitted to work in the lab until that contract is signed. No credit or make-ups will be granted for labs missed to an unsigned contract.

**BYOD School:** Riverview High School is a BYOD or “Bring Your Own Device School”. I HIGHLY recommend find a good deal on a basic small tablet and bringing it to class with you. There will be many opportunities to access the internet to make completing assignments, research, homework and studying so much easier.

**Course Websites:** This course makes full use of our electronic resources. All course information can be found on Edsby as well as the website I maintain for the course [www.Malonebiology.weebly.com](http://www.Malonebiology.weebly.com). On my website you will find calendars for assignments, video tutorials and study links, as well as links to your retest opportunities and online homework quizzes.

**Folder/Portfolio Check**

All work is to be kept organized according to the “Table of Contents” I provide for each unit. Work will be reviewed in class to ensure comprehension and will be stamped in class upon completion. Work is graded when the folders are submitted on Unit Test days. Messy folders will not be graded. This is 30% of your grade, it is in your best interest to keep an organized folder. Do not lose your assignments- you will not receive credit for them unless they are organized in your folder.

**Tests and Retests:** Test for this course are extremely rigorous, however if you keep up with your online homework quizzes this should help you greatly. Unit Tests are always taken in class utilizing a scantron sheet. The following day we will go over the test and perform test corrections which I will collect. You will then have a week to complete a “Retest for Success” online. You will have unlimited retakes, I suggest you take the Retest until you reach 100% as this will be averages with you in-class test grade.

**Absence Policy:** This is a fast-paced course covering a great deal of material within a short time. To be successful on the AP exam and provide an experience commensurate with a college course, it will be necessary to maintain a rigorous schedule. Work done on the day of an absence results in a grade of **zero** until the work is made up. The student has **3 days** to clear an absence and make-up the work. It is the student’s responsibility to:

1. Watch the Bozeman video lecture posted for the missed day’s lecture and take notes.
2. Make-up missed labs and tests.
3. Obtain details about assignments and homework from Edsby and the class website.

**Interventions**

Any student who has trouble maintaining appropriate behavior can expect any of the following interventions. The purpose of these actions is to stress the importance or to gain assistance in influencing appropriate classroom/lab behavior. The following interventions may be used (not necessarily in this order): verbal warning, student/teacher conference, seat change, detention, phone call home, student/parent/teacher conference, referral to guidance/assistant principal, removal from the classroom.

**Riverview High Tardy Policy**

The tardy policy is STRONGLY enforced in this classroom. The school/classroom policy is as follows: If a student is not in his/her seat when the bell rings, that student is marked tardy. You cannot learn if you are not here. Please endeavor to be here for the entire class.

**Passes**

The school gives each student enough time to use the restroom during passing. It is up to the individual student to take advantage of that time. If you chose not to use that time wisely, that is of your concern. You will only have **3** bathroom passes in this classroom per 9-weeks period. If medical reasons deem you a more flexible bathroom policy, please present documentation or have a parent/guardian conference with me immediately. Emergencies also arise and I understand that. They will be dealt with as they arise.

**Substitutes**

If I am unable to be in class, a substitute will carry out instructions left by me. Work assigned is to be turned in, and your behavior is to be exemplary.

**Late Work**

Late work will not be accepted.

**Topics of Study:**

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| **Quarter 1** | **Quarter 2** | **Quarter 3** | **Quarter 4** |
| Unit 1: Ecology  | Unit 4: Cells | Unit 8: Mendelian Genetics | EOC Review |
| Unit 2: Plants | Unit 5: Cell Cycle | Unit 9: Evolution |  |
| Unit 3: Energetics | Unit 6: Molecular Genetics | Unit 10: Classification |  |
|  | Unit 7: Biotechnology | Unit 11: Human Body |  |

**Grading**

Your grade will be determined on a weighted system. It is as follows:

Tests 40%

Folder Check 30%

Labs/Gizmos 20%

Bellwork 10%

Student grade is the sum of points earned divided by the total points possible. Standard grading scale is applied (100-90% = A, 89-80% = B, 79-70% = C, 69-60% = D, 59% and below = F)

 Please remember that good attendance leads to success!!

**Extra Help**

The school has tutors available after school for students in need of extra help. Take advantage of these resources!!!

**Honors Philosophy**

All students in this course are required to check Edsby weekly. You are required to maintain a C average or better. It is your responsibility to maintain your make up work, your binder, and your text books. This course will begin to prepare you for college, so I require you to take initiative and ownership when dealing with your education and behavior. You will not be a seat warmer in this class, you are expected to intellectually engage in all presented content and perform at an advanced level. If you come to class empty handed, you will sit in ISS for the day. You will participate and take an active role in the course. You will not copy your peers. Any student who does not abide by the Honors philosophy will receive recommendation to move out of the course. This course requires a great deal of inquiry on your behalf. The weekly agenda will be posted on the board for you to view.

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**Sign and Return to your Instructor…**

**I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(print students name), have read this course outline for Biology 1 Honors and I fully understand the information included and inferred in this document as of August 23th, 2011.**

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Student Signature Parent Signature

**Please address any comments or concerns below:**