**General Biology Syllabus**

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**Layout:**

The course will be taught using or doing the following:

1. Lab work

2. Class discussions

3. Drawings

4. Reading Text

5. Reading Handouts

6. Writing

7. Lecture

8. Note taking

9. Videos

10. Internet Activities

11. Power point projects

12. Quizzes

13. Tests

As much as possible, we will practice in class what scientists really do: **Observe, hypothesize, question, experiment and draw conclusions.** I emphasize thinking. Learning content and facts is important, but helping students think like scientists is my goal.

All students in my class can succeed and excel. I structure the class to get students excited about science and learning, but encourage responsibility. I require student’s work to be **neat, clear, as well as, correct spelling, punctuation and grammar** **on all assignments.**

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| **GRADING SCALE** |
| **96 - 100% = A**  **90 - 95% = A-**  **87 - 89% = B+**  **84 - 86% = B**  **80 – 83% = B-**  **77 - 79% = C+**  **74 - 76% = C**  **70 - 73% = C-**  **67 - 69% = D+**  **64 - 66% = D**  **60 - 63% = D-** |

**ONLINE GRADES:** Grades are available online via a program called “Genesis”. Visit the school website at www.newfolden.k12.mn.us and log on to check your progress.

**CLASSWORK:** I almost always give you time in class to finish your work; use your class time to finish all work regardless of when it is due. If you miss class, check the class website for missed assignments, due dates, handout downloads, makeup work, what you missed, etc.

**TESTS:** There will be a test at the end of *most* every unit. Students will be well informed of what to expect on the test. Review sessions or study guides may be used to help prepare students for tests.

**LATE WORK:** Because students are given amble class time to complete most assignments; any work that is turned in late will receive 50% off. Anything not turned in when I collect it is considered late.

**DAILY REQUIRED MATERIALS:** textbook, pencil with usable eraser, and paper. Participation points will be deducted when students are not prepared for class (not bringing necessary materials to class).

**RESPECT:** Do not speak when teachers or other students are speaking. If you wish to share something with the class, raise your hand and wait to be called on. Follow instructions efficiently. Be courteous to others. Be on time.

**EXPECTATIONS:**

WHAT YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM ME:   
 You can expect me to...   
 ...work with you to achieve personal success   
 ...treat you like young adults   
 ...use age-appropriate material in your instruction   
 ...make the material interesting   
 ...treat you fairly and respect you   
 ...be as spontaneous as possible   
 ...try to keep it real   
 **WHAT I WILL EXPECT FROM YOU**:  
 I will expect you to...

...give 110% on all assignments, projects, tests etc…  
 ...arrive at class on-time with the proper materials   
 ...make class attendance a priority   
 ...take responsibility for the monitoring of make-up work   
 ...keep an eye on your current grade   
 ...know and follow classroom rules and regulations

**CHEATING IS UNACCEPTABLE.** Anyone caught cheating **or** helping someone else cheat on any homework, quiz, or test will receive a grade of zero for that item and parents may be contacted. If this infraction is repeated, further academic and disciplinary action will result.

NO CELL PHONES, FOOD, DRINK, CANDY, MUSIC PLAYERS IN CLASS. SUCH MATERIALS WILL BE CONFISCATED UNTIL THE END OF THE DAY SO DON’T BRING THEM TO CLASS!!

##### Acknowledgement of Science Syllabus

This is to acknowledge that my parents and I have reviewed the Science syllabus. Please sign and return this before September 9th

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