



Basha High School

Biology

Syllabus & Expectations



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Welcome to Biology!

What is biology anyway? Biology, simply put, is the study of life and living organisms. Biologists describe and explain the living world—from microscopic organisms to the interactions that occur between living organisms and the environment. As you might guess, biology is a very broad and diverse field. Since Biology is a comprehensive survey of the life sciences, students are expected to draw upon their prior knowledge to deepen their understanding of the three major biological principles and processes: (1) molecules and cells (2) genetics and evolution (3) organisms and populations. We will investigate connections between science and the world around us to show relevancy of those themes to students now and in the future.

Recommended Materials

Please bring **everyday**:

- One 1" 3-ring binder with 4 dividers labeled Important Info., Warm Ups, Notes/Activities, and Assessments.
- One 3-prong plastic folder with pockets
- Red pen, highlighters, pencil and pen, and eraser
- Color Pencils and markers
- A ruler
- A calculator
- Earbuds

Grading Policy

Quarter grades will be calculated from students' test scores and quizzes, approximately 45% of overall grade, lab reports/projects, approximately 35% of overall grade, as well as homework at approximately 20% of the overall grade. Grades are based on weighted categories per quarter and calculated into a percentage. Letter grades are based on the following percentages:

100% - 90% = **A** 80% - 89% = **B** 70% - 79% = **C** 60% - 69% = **D** 50% - 59% = **F**

Semester grades are calculated as follows:

First Quarter = 40% **Second Quarter = 40%** **Final Exam = 20%**

- Grade reports will be sent home periodically throughout the quarter and must be signed.
- Students and guardians are expected to check grades on Infinite Campus portal on a regular basis.
- The material in this class is challenging. **Tutoring is available** during conference hours, after school, or by appointment. All you need to do is ask!

Classroom Rules

- Come to class **prepared** and on time, this includes bringing your laptop **fully charged** every day.
- **Respect** school rules as well as others and their property.
- Follow the school dress code.
- Do **leave** food, drink, cell phone, iPods/mp3 players **in your backpack**.
- Profanity will not be tolerated
- Only **WATER** is allowed in the classroom.
- Electronic devices can only be used when the teacher specifies
- Cheating and plagiarism will **not** be tolerated

Important Class Policies

Tardies

You must be seated in your assigned seat before the bell ring ends or you will be marked tardy. The following are the consequences for tardiness:

- 1st tardy: verbal reminder/warning
- 2nd tardy: tardy slip will be sent home and required a parent signature
- 3rd tardy: your parent or guardian will be contacted and you will serve a lunch detention the following day
- 4th tardy (including any thereafter): written referral

If you accumulate 4 or more tardies within a semester, extra credit opportunities will no longer be available for the semester grade.

Absences

- It is the student's responsibility to obtain any missed work and notes. In case of an absence, check the *Absent bin* or with a classmate to see what notes/assignments were missed. Warm Ups are expected to be made up.
- Any work **due or assigned** on a day in which an **unexcused absence** occurs will result in **zero credit** for that assignment.
- **Please Note:** if a *long-term* assignment has been assigned prior to the absence the due date stands.
- Extensions may be granted on a case-by-case basis depending on the circumstances.

Late work

- Homework is due on its due date at the beginning of class (or time scheduled in Google - Classroom if outside of class time).
- If an assignment is (1) one day late, it is worth 50%. If it is two (2) days late, it will receive a zero.
- Long term assignments will lose 25% of the grade for every day late. After four (4) days late, it will receive a grade of zero.
- Incomplete or illegible work will not be accepted.

Behavioral Consequences

All consequences are at the teacher's discretion based on the severity of the offense.

- First- a conference with the student/ warning
- Second- contact with parent/guardians
- Third- referral to administration

Diversity

All individuals have a right to an educational environment free from bias, prejudice and bigotry. As members of the Basha High School educational community, students are expected to refrain from participating in acts of harassment that are designed to demean another student's race, gender, ethnicity, religious preference, disability or sexual orientation.

Accessing Grades

Parents can access their child's grades and assignments by going to the school's website (www.bashabears.com) and clicking on Parent Connect. Students' information is only accessible by using an individualized password assigned by the school. Parents may contact office personnel/counselor for their child's password.

Labs

Biology is a laboratory science class. Students must complete labs. If a lab is missed due to an excused absence, then the **labs must be made up after school and on specified lab make up days**. Due to lab materials, labs need to be made up in a timely manner.

Conference/Passes

Conference period will be on Wednesday and Thursday from 9:19 - 9:44. **During this time students are only allowed out of the classroom if they have a teacher pass or club pass prior to the start of class.** The library is not available during conferences. Students should use this time to study or read. This time will be utilized as a mandatory study period. Students are expected to bring something to work on during this time. If a student does not have work to do, silent reading material will be provided.



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I acknowledge that I have read and understand the class syllabus for Biology. I understand if I have any questions or concerns regarding the class grade, content, or policies that I should contact Mrs. Uy immediately.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Date

Print Name

Print Name

Period

Photo Release

Throughout the course of the year your student may participate in activities such as science research presentations and laboratory activities that I would like to document and share with you via the school website. Thank you for your continued support.

_____ Permission authorized

Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ I do not authorize permission

Parent/ Guardian Contact Information and Preferences

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please contact me about my son/daughter's grades and behavior by _____ Phone _____ Email.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date