

Weir Biology Classroom Policy 2018-19

Course Description: Biology is a college preparatory, year-long science course that meets the UC and CSU lab science admission requirement. The course is also aligned to meet the High School NGSS Life Science Standards. The course is designed to provide a minimum of 20% laboratory content/experience.

Skills Required and Developed: Reading comprehension, scientific writing, time management, communication, problem solving, memorization, collaborative group work, and laboratory skills and safety.

Topics Covered: Based on the High School NGSS standards we will cover the following topics: Scientific Investigation, Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems, Matter and Energy in Organisms and Ecosystems, Structure and Function, Inheritance and Variation of Traits, Natural Selection and Evolution.

Text Provided: Biology (Dragonfly Edition), Miller, Prentice Hall
and e-Text link will be provided or you may check out a textbook from the bookroom

Useful supplies for Biology: scissors, colored pencils or marker, ruler

Teacher Availability and Communication: I will be available before school at 8am. I will also be available during Bruin Time, please ask for a pass. It is easy to communicate with me via a message in Schoology, an email to jenniferweir@njuhsd.com, or by phone 530-268-3700 x4609.

Classroom Behavior: Because of the nature of this class, “goofing off” will not be tolerated. Unsafe behavior will result in removal from lab or classroom activities. I have high expectations for classroom behavior. Please review the Student Handbook sections headed “Bullying,” “Dress Code”, “Electronic Devices”, and “Sexual Harassment,” in addition to my basic classroom rules:

- Be on task, on time, and prepared to learn, everyday.
- Be responsible for your learning.
- Respect your classmates, your teacher, your classroom.
- Electronic devices are for coursework only and at teacher discretion.

Please note: A203 is a cell phone free zone! Your phone should be stowed in a purse or backpack at all times, including when assignments are complete.

Attendance: Attendance and promptness is important. Absences must be cleared and tardy students will be sent to the office for an admit slip from the office. Detention will be assigned for habitual tardies.

Class Website: Assignments, test dates and worksheets will be posted on Schoology. Parents can sign up for a Parent Schoology account. You will need your student’s unique ID code. Email me and I can provide the code and easy instructions to sign up.

Grading: Students receive two report card grades throughout the year, with additional Progress Reports (IPR). Semester grades are calculated as follows.

Semester Grade		
45%	Learning Activities	classwork, homework, participation, lab work
45%	Assessment	tests, quizzes, projects , lab conclusions
10%	Final Exam	semester specific

Grade Scale

90.0% +	A	
80.0 - 89.9%	B	Please note that I do not round grades.
70.0 - 79.9%	C	Student solicited extra credit assignments will not be accepted.
60.0 - 69.9%	D	
below 60%	F	

Assessments: Students will be assessed regularly via exit tickets, short quizzes and chapter tests. Students will be assessed on classroom notes, activities, labs and text readings. On some tests, I encourage “test corrections.” Students may come during Bruin Time to complete them. More information on test corrections can be found on Schoology.

Learning Activities: All classwork, homework and lab-work will be collected as a “Packet” or mini notebook the day of a chapter or unit test. A “Packet” consists of the assignment sheet for that chapter followed by each assignment in chronological order. Students are to keep the assignment sheet up to date and can use it as a tool for catching up when absent. Labs must be written and completed in a Composition Notebook that will be provided.

AA Passes: I **will not** allow students to AA Pass in Biology.

Late Work/Tests: Generally, late work is not accepted. All homework, lab reports, projects and classwork are due on time, unless you have an excused absence. If you are absent the day an assignment is due, turn in the work the day you return to school. This includes official School Activities such as Field Trips and Sporting Events. Tests and quizzes must be made up promptly, often upon the day of return to class, if only the test day was missed. If you are absent the day of a lab, you must make up the lab work within one week, during Bruin Time or during my available time. Contact me about due dates for work missed when absent longer than 2 days.

If you have any questions please contact me. I hope to meet you at Back to School Night.

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I have read/reviewed the Classroom Policy for Biology. I am providing any comments or questions below.

student name printed

parent/guardian printed

student signature

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