**Hephzibah High School**

**What to Expect for Biology**



**Contact Information:**

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**Progress Report Dates:**

Semester 2: 15 February, and 28 March 2024.

**Report Card Dates:**

Semester 2: 28 May 2024.

Conference by appointment only.

\*Visit the class webpage at [https://www.rcboe.org](https://www.rcboe.org/Domain/8160)/hhs

**Class Materials: Required Daily!!**

Pencils/Pens (Blue, Black and Red)

Composition Notebook (college ruled preferred)

College Ruled filler paper

Colored Pens/Pencils/Markers/Crayons

\*\*\*\*\*COMPUTERS\*\*\*\*\* NEVER assume you will not need your computer, it needs to be present when needed, which could be any day. ALWAYS assume you will be needing it.

**Course Description:**

**Biology 1** is an introductory course designed to provide students with a fundamental understanding of biological concepts, processes, and principles. This course serves as the foundation for further exploration into the fascinating world of life sciences. Through engaging lessons, hands-on activities, and scientific investigations, students will develop critical thinking skills, scientific literacy, and an appreciation for the diversity and complexity of living organisms.

**Grading Scale for the grading periods:**

**Minor Assignments** (Quizzes, Minor Labs, Safety Test) …………………………………….……...**60%**

 **Major Assignments** (Unit Tests, Projects, Detailed Lab Assignments.) …………………………….**40%**

**Makeup work**: Make up tests and labs will be given **after** school. It is **YOUR** responsibility to get **YOUR** missed work. **All assignments are available in Canvas**, this will be the easiest way to get your missed work.

**Late work**: Assignments will receive a due date, if the assignments are not turned in by due date you will receive a mark of **M**, if assignments are not turned in by **2 WEEKS** past due date you will receive a grade of **ZERO** and the assignment will be **LOCKED**, and you will no longer be eligible to turn in the assignment. If you fail to submit late assignments, you will be impeding your ability to learn and retain the information in a timely manner.

**Several Science Projects:** Will be required for this class. This will be a working class, but you should also expect that I will have to cover information with you prior to beginning the learning experiences.

**Homework: Written homework** will not be assigned. However, if you do not finish your class work in class, it is your responsibility to complete your work in your free time (even if that is at home), but due to the volume of new information you will be learning, it is a good idea to get in the habit of studying every night, as we will be reviewing every day at **launch** time. You should make it a habit to set aside at least 10-20 minutes of uninterrupted time and read over the information presented in class that day/week/module(s) in preparation for tests or exams and to assure retention of information learned. It is important to review vocabulary words.

**Class Rules and Expectations**

Rules: The requirements that must be followed or consequences occur.

Expectations: The requirements that should be followed but consequences don’t typically occur.

**Rules:**

1. Prohibited items unless permission is given ahead of time by teacher.

Electronic Devices, Hats and Hoods, Earbuds, Headphones, and Sunglasses.

1. No Eating in class. Students are only allowed water in class and the bottles must be able to be closed.
2. Be in your Seat on Time (before tardy bell finishes ringing)
3. Be Respectful
4. Raise your hands.
5. Clean up after yourself, I am not your maid, if you leave trash, it is your responsibility to remove it or place it in the waste basket.
6. No Vape Pens or E-Cigarettes of any type.

**Student Expectations:**

1. Join my Student Remind
2. Be Honest
3. Do not distract others from learning or the teacher from teaching.
4. In seat on time, not wandering around class.
5. If you make a mess clean it up.
6. Respect people’s property and others.
7. There are many more expectations that a good citizen follows, too many to list.

**Parent/Guardian Expectations:**

1. Check Infinite Campus at least 1 time per week.
2. Join Canvas Courses as an Observer.
3. Contact the Teacher or School with questions.
4. Join my Parent Remind to facilitate contact and to help you ask questions.

I have read and I understand the class Syllabus I have also read, and I understand and will abide by the Rules and Expectations.

Student Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Period \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have viewed the copy of the syllabus and Rules and Expectations given to the student and will help them to follow all guidelines above to the best of my ability.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Students and Parents, please sign up for my Remind Classes for easy contact:

Parent Remind Code: Text @JdesertPAR to 81010 (all lower case)

Student Remind Code: Text @JdesertSTU to 81010 (all lower case)