

Welcome to Biology!

2017-18 Syllabus

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Conference Period: 3th

Tutoring Schedule: Mondays - Wednesdays from 4:10 - 5:00 pm (arrive by 4:20)

Reminders: Text “@perrybio11” to **81010**

Course documents will be maintained regularly at lhfc.weebly.com



Course Description

In Biology, students conduct laboratory and field investigations, use scientific methods during investigations, and make informed decisions using critical thinking and scientific problem solving. Students in Biology study a variety of topics that include: structures and functions of cells and viruses; growth and development of organisms; cells, tissues, and organs; nucleic acids and genetics; biological evolution, taxonomy; metabolism and energy transfers in living organisms; living systems; homeostasis; and ecosystems and the environment.

One credit; full year course

Classroom Management

Rules	Consequences
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Respect others.2. Keep the room clean3. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself4. Be polite and helpful5. No offensive language or teasing6. <u>No food, drinks, or electronic devices in class unless given permission by teacher</u>	Verbal Warning Detention + Parental Contact Behavioral Interventions Office Referral *NOTE: all consequences are subject to a severity and discretion clause.
<p>Individual rewards include praise, positive phone call, student work displayed, homework passes, music/headphones during independent practice, and possibly treats.</p>	
<p>Class-wide rewards revolve around a number-line system, in which the class receives (or loses) points in response to classroom participation and behavior. If the class accumulates a certain number of points, they'll have a chance to receive a special reward.</p>	

Assignments

Assignments will be given regularly in class. Assignments include daily bell work, independent practice, laboratory work, group work, projects, homework, quizzes, and tests. It is important to complete all assignments to the best of your ability, as all of them will be reflected in your grade in some way. All assignments must be turned in to its appropriate basket for your class period. Copies of all assignments will be available on class google site or google classroom, classroom or from teacher. Expect to work every day, bell-to-bell.

Grading

Your grade will be based on the following distribution of scores:

Major Grades – 60%

- Test grades(CBA), Major Labs, Projects

Minor Grades – 40%

- Quizzes, Daily Grades, Participation, Homework

Grading scale:

90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
69 and below	F

Students will be given progress notices every 3 weeks of each grading period, which must be signed by a parent/guardian. Failure to turn in a signed copy will result in automatic parent contact.

Absences and Makeup Work

If you are absent, it is imperative that you make up the work that you missed. Remember, a calendar as well as copies of assignments and notes will all be maintained on class website. If you are absent, it will be your responsibility to check website or copy the notes that you missed from a fellow classmate. Handouts will not be given twice to PAP students; students can make their own copy off of the website.

Makeup Tests and Labs must be arranged by the student on the day they arrive back to school. The test/lab (or an assignment to replace lab) will be made up within **5 school days**. Some labs cannot be made up due to difficulty or time issues, and will require an alternate assignment. You will still be responsible for the lab's content and purpose.

Late work: Late work policy is set by the science department as a whole. All science classes comply with the same late work policy.

1 day late: -30% 2 days or more -50% (up to 4 days prior to UIL cut off)

Bathroom Policy

10/10 Rule: Students will absolutely NOT be allowed to go to the bathroom in the first 10 minutes or last 10 minutes of class. Students will only be allowed to go to the bathroom during class in case of an emergency only.

Supplies

For Biology, you will be required to bring **1 box of Kleenex, a small binder or folder (w/pockets), loose-leaf paper, highlighter** and a **pencil or pen** each day. **Assigned chrome book must be charged and brought to class daily.** A copy of this syllabus should be kept in the binder/folder at all times. Other required supplies: are listed on last page.

If a student is unable to purchase a binder/folder, please let Mr. Perry know immediately.

Detention

Detentions will be given after verbal warnings have been given, with regard to the seriousness of the offense. Destruction of the detention slip will result in an office referral. All detentions will be accompanied by immediate parental contact after school. Students may come to **morning (8:15)** or **after-school (until 4:45)** detention at the assigned time. If a student is unable to attend detention at that time, it is the students' responsibility to speak with Mr. Perry after class and arrange a different time. Failure to attend detention will result in an office referral.

Note: This must be kept in your binder at all times.

Cell Phones/BYOD

Students are not allowed to use electronic devices (especially cell phones) unless given permission by the teacher. There is a sign at the front of the classroom stating whether students have permission to use their cell phone. If a student is found using their cell phone without permission (i.e. when the cell phone sign says not to), the cell phone will be taken two times with just warning and returned at the end of class. The third time a phone is taken up it will be taken and returned to student at end of school day. **There is absolutely no charging of phones allowed in the classroom for any purpose.** If a student is caught charging a cell phone, the cell phone will be taken up and count toward the students three strikes.

Student chrome books must be brought daily and charged before the school day. Chrome book maybe not be used every day but it still must be brought each day prepared for use.

Promptness, Bell Procedure & Tardies

You are expected to arrive on time and prepared for the start of each class. By the time the bell rings to signal the beginning of class, you are to be in your seat and silently working on the bell work. The bell work will be found on the front board, either projected or on the white board. It will not suffice to simply be present in the classroom by the time the bell rings. Failure to meet this requirement will result in receiving a tardy for the day and receiving a warning for the period. Students will receive three tardy warning per semester and a detention upon their fourth tardy. Any following offense during that period will result immediately in a more serious consequence.

Parental Involvement

I view teaching as a partnership between the students, the parents, and myself. My contact information is listed above, and I make myself as accessible as possible. Parents and/or Guardians are free to contact me (preferably by email) with any questions, comments, or concerns. Parents may opt in to receive text message reminders of Biology assignments, quizzes, and tests by texting “@perrybio11” to 81010.

Assigned Seating

Students must sit in assigned seating daily. If a student has a legitimate concern about their assigned seat, please let Mr. Perry know.

Cheating/Plagiarism

Plagiarism/Cheating includes:

- Taking someone else’s assignment or a portion of an assignment and submitting it as your own
- Submitting material written by someone else or rephrasing the ideas of another without giving the author’s name or source
- Presenting the work of tutors, parents, siblings, or friends as your own
- Submitting papers, or portions of papers, from the Internet written by someone else as your own
- Supporting plagiarism by providing your work to others, whether you believe it will be copied or not

Consequences - When cheating or plagiarizing is determined:

- First offense- teacher will provide alternate assignment/assessment for which a maximum of 70%
- Any repeat offense – student(s) receives a zero for the assessment/assignment
- Notification of parent(s)
- A "zero" resulting from any form of academic dishonesty is irrevocable
- Unconditionally forfeit exemption status from all courses
- Will receive a “U” citizenship grade and a referral
- Student will be subject to further disciplinary action as determined by administration

Note: This must be kept in your binder at all times.

PARENT: I hereby certify that I have read the Biology syllabus and understand/agree to all of its content.

Parent/Guardian Print Name

Parent/Guardian Home Phone Number

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone Number

To receive text message reminders for biology assignments and assessments, please text: “@Perrybio1” to 81010.

STUDENT: I hereby certify that I have read this document and understand all of its content. I will follow ALL classroom rules and procedures. I also understand and accept the consequences if I choose not to adhere to the rules.

Student Print Name

Student Signature

This sheet is to be signed and returned to teacher for grade. It will be placed in the student’s folder.

Other Required Classroom Materials:
Kleenex, Small Binder or Folder w/pocket, Loose paper