

Class Guidelines



Regents Living Environment

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This year your science course will survey all the major areas of Biology. Throughout the year you will be performing a series of activities and experiments to help you explore the world of living things. The major areas of study include: Human Physiology; Ecology and Environmental issues; and Reproduction, Growth, and Development. The final exam is the NYS Living Environment Regents.

Textbook: *Biology* by Miller and Levine.

A textbook will be assigned to you within the next few days. This book will be used for both readings and written work. If it is lost you will have to pay to replace the book. Your textbook will remain at home throughout the year. A class set will be available for use at school.

Materials: To be prepared for class each day you will need to have a pen or pencil. You will also need a notebook, to be used exclusively for Biology class. You will have the option of storing the notebook in class. You will also need a binder or folder to keep papers distributed in class.

Homework: Assignments will be given as necessary to help you prepare for class, reinforce class work, and to review.

Notes: Your notes will be graded on a daily basis, with a maximum value of 5pts.

Cooperative Learning: In addition to individual work, we will be using cooperative learning in class this year. These group projects & activities will include both oral and written presentations. Sometimes you will be assigned to base or work groups, and sometimes you will get a choice.

Tests, Lab Reports, Quizzes: Tests will be short answer, multiple choice, and matching. There will also be separate Spelling, Vocabulary, and Graphing tests. All tests are worth 100 points each. Lab reports are checked for correctness, accuracy and completeness of your work. This often includes activity checks during the actual lab. Each lab and activity is worth a different number of points. NY State requires the completion of 1400 minutes of lab to obtain credit for this course. Quizzes are worth various amounts of points and will be given from time to time.

Grades: Quarterly grades are based on tests, quizzes, labs, notes, homework, and class work. They are calculated using the following formula:

$$[\text{total points earned} / \text{total points possible}] \times 100$$

Behavior and Expectations

- 1. Be on time.** When the late bell rings you should be in your seat and prepared.
- 2. Be polite.** I can't be in more than one place at a time, nor can I answer two or more questions at once. Please wait your turn.
- 3. Be courteous.** When you are talking to me, I will listen to you. I expect the same courtesy when I am talking to you, both individually and as a class.
- 4. Be safe.** For the safety of all...follow all safety rules.

Extra Help: Feel free to ask my help at any time...that's why I'm here. If you are having trouble, see me. I will arrange for assistance. I am available for extra help during my prep period and after school.

Telephone: I can be contacted for telephone conferences by calling the RCK science department at 298.5100. If I am not available I will return your call as soon as possible.

Internet: You can e-mail me at henry.johnson@wappingersschools.org or you can access my website at <http://wappingersschools.org/rck/staff/teacherhp/johnson/index.html>

I look forward to an enjoyable and productive year.

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