Biology Syllabus

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Course Goals:

1) For each student to achieve the defined California State Standards for High School Biology and fulfill the MVUSD graduation requirement for life science.

2) To prepare students of college ability for further study in chemistry and at the same time to present material of use in daily life.

3) To encourage the spirit of scientific investigation and with it the attitudes of accuracy in thought and work.

Grading: 100-90 = A 89.99-80 = B 79.99-70 = C 69.99-60 = D 59.99 and below = F

Assignments: Tests = 40% Labs/Projects = 25% Homework/Classwork = 15%

Quizes = 10% Final Exam = 10%

Class Materials:

- Binder or folder that is solely for biology to keep notes, returned work, etc.
- A notebook or composition pad that will be your lab journal
- Writing utensil. *Also, diagrams are a big part of Biology and it might be a good idea to have a set of colored pencils.*

Honesty: Plagiarizing and copying assignments (including labs and homework), or cheating on tests and quizzes will not be tolerated. All work is to be done individually. Failure to do so will result in a parent call or conference and a "zero" on the assignment.

Attendance: It is your responsibility to find out what assignments have been missed during an absence and make plans with me for getting caught up on missed tests, quizzes and labs. If your illness will keep you out of school for more than two days I expect you to contact the school and request your homework assignments. I follow the district policy of giving you 2 school days to make up work for each day of excused absence.

Classroom Expectations:

.• Students are expected to be in their seat and ready when the bell rings.

• Materials (textbook, pencil, paper, and notebook) must be brought to class each day, unless otherwise instructed. If you do not bring needed materials to class you will be sent to your locker to get them and will also receive a tardy if you are not in the room when the bell rings.

• The laboratory or room **must** be clean at the end of the period before leaving.

• Treat everyone with respect.

• Follow the instructions gives by teacher or lesson.

• All school rules will be followed as stated in the student handbook.

• All safety rules as stated in the Flinn Science Safety Agreement must be followed when in the lab. You must sign and return the safety contract in order to participate in labs.

Schedule:

Semester 1 - Cell Biology (Standards: BI1. a-h)
Genetics (Standards: BI2. a-g, BI3. a-b, BI4. a-e, BI5. a-c)

Semester 2 - Evolution (Standards: BI7. a-d BI8. a-e)
Ecology (Standards: BI6. a-f)
Physiology (Standards: BI9. a-e, BI10. a-e)

Keys for Success in Biology

• Have a positive attitude!

• I am here to help you succeed, so feel free to ask me for help. I am available before and after school in my room

• Ask lots of questions. If you are unclear about something from the textbook, lab, or from discussion, ask.

• Make sure that you understand how the lecture, homework, and labs interrelate. Labs and homework are designed to reinforce significant ideas from the text. Make sure that you see these connections.

• Start studying for tests early. By studying and reviewing each night you are not only helping to prepare for the test more effectively, you are also more prepared for class each day and any quizzes that may be given.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____