

# Biology 2013-14

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## Class Policy and Expectations

### Required Equipment

Spiral-bound notebook with at least 100 pages, writing utensils, colored pencils.

### Grading Policy

Students' grades are based on homework, notes, quizzes, labs and tests. Semester grades are determined using the following scale:  
**A = 90 – 100%**   **B = 80 – 89%**   **C = 70 – 79%**   **NC = 69 – 0%**   NC = No credit and class must be repeated for a grade.

The class grade will be weighted as follows: **30% Tests and Quizzes, 30% Essential Skills, 40% Homework and Classwork**  
**\*\*Students must earn a minimum of 70% of total points offered in the class and demonstrate mastery of all the Essential Skills in order to receive a passing grade.\*\***

### Exam Format

Each test consists of two parts. The first part is the essential skill questions. These questions reflect the California State Standards for Biology and students must demonstrate understanding of these concepts in order to pass the class. These questions are given to the students in advance and are usually free response format. The second part of the exam is in the same multiple choice format as the State Standards exam.

### Unit Packets

**All assignments for each unit (homework, labs, etc.) are to be kept by the student in science notebook.** Some assignments will be stamped on the day they are due to confirm they were submitted on time. Students will turn in their notebooks on the day of a unit test, so all contents can be *officially* recorded in the grade book. Work that was not stamped but is included in the packet as late work will receive half credit. **Students who do not turn in their notebooks on the day of the test will have three weeks to submit their missing assignment(s) for half credit. AFTER THREE WEEKS NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

### When absent?

**It is the student's responsibility to get all missed assignments** from the teacher, another student, or Schoology. It is also the student's responsibility to get stamps on work missed due to an excused absence as soon as the assignment is complete. Homework that is late due to unexcused absence can be completed and turned in for ½ credit.

### Correctives

If a student does not demonstrate mastery of the essential skills for the exam they are required to complete them on the corrective day, by appointment, or during plus period.

All students will have the opportunity to retake each exam one time and raise their score up to 70% (for scores up to 60%) or 10% higher than the original grade (for scores 61% and higher) after showing proof of studying. Students must retake an exam within **three weeks** of the original exam date.

### Tutoring

Additional help is available from *ALL* Biology teachers. Please seek additional help before, during, or after school whenever you feel confused about the current subject matter. The longer you wait to get help, the more lost you may become in class. **Remember that your teacher is here to help you learn!**

### Checking your grade

Information on the student's grades is available by clicking on Grades on the Rocklin High School homepage: <http://rhs.rocklinusd.org/>. Individual assignment grades will be available in Schoology for most assignments.

**Please Remember;** in order receive a passing grade each student must pass all essential skills AND have an overall percentage of 70%. When checking grades students must look at **both** categories in order to determine their grade.

Expectations -

- \* *Treat all people in the class the way you wish to be treated.*
- \* *Come to class on time and prepared to work.*
- \* *Contribute to a positive learning environment.*
- \* *Take pride in your effort and do your best work at all times.*
- \* *Always follow directions and ask questions whenever appropriate.*

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Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Period: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the class policy and expectations for the Biology at Rocklin High School.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_