College Prep Biology

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# What is Expected of You Daily:

1. *Be on time.*

* You should be in the room before the bell rings
* Begin working on the “Do Now” assignment on the board.
* If you are not on time you will be assigned After School Detention with the main office.

*2. Be prepared for class every day*. This includes:

* Having your binder with paper.
* Having your pen/pencil.
* Having your homework.
* Having other materials requested by Mrs. Morrisy for a specific lesson

3*. Be respectful of each other*. This includes:

* Raising your hand.
* Being positive and accepting of other students and their opinion
* Not speaking while others are talking, including the teacher.

4. Be responsible for your actions. This includes:

* + Completing assignments to the best of your ability
  + Using classroom and lab materials properly
  + Listening and paying attention to all instructions and directions

1. Study EVERY night.

* Even if you are given no written homework, reviewing your notes from class for just 20 minutes each night will GREATLY add to your success in the class. There is a large amount of information in this course so staying on top of the material will make studying much more manageable and less overwhelming.

1. All school rules and policies will also be followed and upheld in the classroom.

# Recitation

You will attend a recitation for this class, instead of going to study hall. It will meet once a week regardless of the daily schedule. Your recitation is always on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and will begin on Monday September 12th.

# Approximate Course Outline

Marking Period 1: The Cell and It’s Processes

Marking Period 2: Genetics

Marking Period 3: Evolution

Marking Period 4: Ecology

# Grades

Your grade in this class will be calculated based on a cumulative point system.

Each assignment will be worth a certain number of points. Tests are approximately 100 points. Quizzes are approximately 50 points. Labs range from approximately 50-100 points. Homework and class work assignments range from approximately 10-25 points. I encourage you to keep track of your grades each time assignments are returned so that you will know what your current grade is at any point in the marking period.

Your final grade will be calculated using the formula below:

Total points earned

x 100 = Final grade

Total points possible

**Mrs. Morrisy’s Guidelines & Policies**

Hello and welcome to Biology! I am very excited about this school year and I look forward to getting to know you and working with you this year. Below are several guidelines I would like you to be aware of so that our school year can run as smoothly as possible. If you have any questions please ask. I wish you the best of luck as we begin our school year together!

1. **Ring Binder:** You will need to have a ring binder for science class. You will be taking notes and receiving many handouts that should be placed in dated order in your binder at the time they are given. At times your ring binder will be used more than your textbook so it is important to have it organized and with you at all times. Please save all your work from class, as you will need it to study from for both midterms and finals.
2. **Textbooks:** Textbooks are to be covered immediately (book sock or brown paper). You are responsible for keeping your textbook in good condition and bringing it with you to class when you are told.
3. **Absences:** Please try to keep absences to a minimum. Each day out of class is another day you will fall behind. Avoiding absences will help you stay on track and be successful in class.
   1. When you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the work that you missed**. If you miss an A day, you will need to find me on the next day you are in school, not necessarily an A day. You will have the same number of days absent to hand in the make-up work.**  Any work assigned before your absence will be due upon return (this includes tests, quizzes, and projects.
4. **Make-up work:** If you are absent from school, work assigned prior to absence must be handed in the NEXT DAY you are in school, REGARDLESS OF THE DAY (A OR B) . There will be a drop off box in ROOM 321. It is your responsibility that your work gets into the drop off box. It is your responsibility to hand in your missed assignments. I will NOT seek you out. I strongly suggest you call a classmate while you are out to get assignments via phone or email to alleviate a piling up of missed work.
   1. Late homework: Late homework will only be accepted the NEXT DAY YOU ARE IN SCHOOL, for 50% credit. Any time later will result in a zero. For all labs and projects, 10% will be deducted from the final grade for EACH day that the assignment is late.
5. **Make-up tests:** I will always announce tests approximately 1 week in advance. If you are absent on test day, you will be responsible for taking the test the following class period you are back. If you are absent on the day of a test review, you will still be responsible for taking the test as scheduled. If you think you might be out on a test day, bring your notebook home with you so that you will be prepared for any situation.
6. **Make-up labs:** Please try not to miss your lab day. Teachers share lab equipment so once a lab is set up the equipment is available for a limited time. Majority of missed labs will result in a blank grade for the lab. This will neither help nor hurt the student. Some labs will be able to be made up. If you miss a lab, please contact me immediately upon your return.
7. **Vacations and extended excused absences:** If you will be absent for an extended period of time (ex. Vacation) please give me at least 1 week notice in writing from a parent/guardian. This will allow me to prepare work for you to complete. It will be your responsibility to make up ALL work/tests/labs missed due to extended absences. Any work NOT make up will result in a zero.
8. **Behavior:** It is my hope and expectation that you will act like responsible, mature, high school students. In the event of a behavior problem, a verbal warning will be given and will be followed up with an after school detention scheduled through the VPO.
9. **Extra Credit:** Extra credit will be offered at ***very limited*** times. Anyone who is passing will be eligible for extra credit. Those not passing are encouraged to focus on upcoming assignments and tests to improve grades before engaging in extra work.
10. **Extra Help:** I will be available for extra help both before and after school. Please see me in advance to schedule a meeting time. There are two other freshman science teachers, Ms. Finck and Mrs. Morrisy who are also available to give extra help. Homework help is also available in the media center after school Monday – Thursday.

*I believe that each of you has the ability to succeed as long as you try your hardest. Believe in yourself and the work that you do and you will always be successful. We are going to have a great year!*

Please complete the following. Thanks!

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the above classroom rules, guidelines and policies and will work to the best of my ability to uphold those standards as a student of Red Bank Regional High School.

Students Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_