

**Subject: Freshman Biology**  
**Location: Room SC -3**

**Teacher: Mrs. Hahn**  
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Welcome to the historic 2020-2021 school year! Biology is an overview course of topics involving organisms. Our units will cover the cell, ecology, DNA and heredity, taxonomy, and evolution. Hopefully, the topics presented will encourage students to delve into more specific topics in future courses. This is my ninth-year at Prattville High and my eighth- year teaching Biology. Students will learn over 200 new terms this year. We will use different strategies in class and at home to learn those terms. Questions on tests will ask the student to apply the concepts they have learned in class or recognize examples of the concepts. Several activities are designed to develop students critical thinking skills. Unfortunately, we will not be able to have group lab work. Most of those will be modified into a teacher demonstrated presentation with student follow up.

Autauga County Board of Education policy (ACBOE) states that we must have at least three major grades. I believe it will improve student's grade if we have a project as a fourth major grade every nine weeks. I will send detailed information about the project in plenty of time for the student to complete the assignment. Grading will occur on a variety of assignments, including class participation, worksheets, writing assignments, modified problem-solving labs, activities, quizzes, tests, and projects. The grading percentages for Honors Biology are 65% major tests & projects, 35% class work. The grading percentages for General Biology are 55% major tests & projects, 45% class work.

Each student will receive a copy of the textbook for their personal use during the school year. I am going to require them to bring the book to class for the first nine weeks. We will be using Schoology as a learning management system this year. I believe it will greatly increase the potential in learning for virtual and face to face students. Each student will receive an access code to their assigned class. Assignments for all students will be posted there. Virtual students will do all their work on line. There will be times that face to face students will also login to their account while in class and asked to complete an assignment. Those students without cell phones will be given the materials to complete the assignment in class. I will try to be as clear as possible on assignment instructions but if you are having an issue please do not hesitate to email me. My lesson plans will be posted in a file labeled Lesson Plans in Schoology.

Teachers have also been encouraged to have a remind account set up for each class. There will be codes to each class and I have provided those on the second page. Parents are allowed to join this account also. This is a fabulous tool for communication between student and teacher. Students can attach a picture of their assignment and send it to me or if a student has a question in class, they can send me the question and I can respond immediately without walking around the class. If a student does not have a cell phone, I will be still be available for consultation with the student.

Students grades will still be listed in INOW. Parents may purchase access to it by sending in a fee of \$10. With a PIN number you have access to your student's grades, attendance and discipline records.. **Check INOW regularly.** Please see me if you have any questions about grades.

I would encourage you to visit <http://gophslions.com> for any information you may need about Prattville High School.

#### **Remind Codes**

Second Period	@122f4
Third Period	@g96hgc
Fourth Period	@360537
Fifth Period	@87k4ad
Sixth Period	@008197
Seventh Period	@b0380

#### **Access Codes to Schoology**

Second Period	ZGC5-7P6T-S9B8C
Third Period	PD3C-ZCSP-97H5N
Fourth Period	SWS9-4B5Z-5TQCQ
Fifth Period	3R43-V2KW-XK4QJ
Sixth Period	338X-8JTR-R5X9W
Seventh Period	S6X4-KQ35-KFZWR

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

- Late projects will drop 10% of the assigned grade for each day late without an excused absence.
- There are no re-takes on tests.
- Face to Face students will make up tests during class on the next day they attend unless we have made previous arrangements after a lengthy absence.

- If tests are online, they will be timed.
- Foldables and other graphic organizers made in class or at home are considered grade worthy but can be taken home as a study guide.
- If a student missed the day I performed a lab demonstration, they may not be held accountable for that grade because they simply weren't there. They will not receive any grade for that activity and INOW will not show any grade in that column.

**MAKE UP WORK:** It is the student's responsibility to login to Schoology and see what they have missed while not in class. Students missing test day will have a zero put in INOW until the test is made up.

## SUPPLIES

The supply list this year is lengthy due to the fact we cannot share classroom supplies.

- 3-ring binder with note book paper for taking notes and making foldables
- Composition book for bell ringers. They will use this to take an open note quiz every Nine weeks to improve their grade. Many times the questions on bell ringers look very similar to questions on the test 😊.
- Pencil pouch with pens, pencils, colored pencils, sharpeners, glue sticks, colored markers, rulers, one white board (8x10) and one white board marker any color. I would also send a small Kleenex packet, personal hand sanitizer, and extra mask (in case they sneeze) to be used in any other class.



## RULES

- Be in assigned seat and ready to work. This is very important this year to limit exposure. Students will be assigned a seat and expected to stay in the seat the class period.
- Bring supplies to class every day.
- No personal grooming in class.
- Personal area must be clear of trash before leaving class.
- Because we are now in blocks for 95 minutes, there will be a bathroom break coordinated with other teachers on the hall to limit exposure to other classes. If a student has a bathroom emergency, I will record their absence from the room and they will be allowed to visit the bathroom.
- Show respect to everyone and everything! NO BULLYING!
- Tardy's are recorded by the teacher.

## DISCIPLINE POLICY FOR RULE VIOLATION (ACBOE Policy)

**1<sup>st</sup> offense:** Verbal warning

**2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** Break detention (*not sure how this is handled since we have no break this year*)

**3<sup>rd</sup> offense:** Parent/guardian notification

**4<sup>th</sup> offense:** Referral to administrator who assigns a consequence

***Donations of paper towels, tissues, hand sanitizer, wipes, expo markers, and packs of paper are greatly appreciated.***

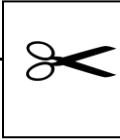
The science department asks for a **\$10 cash donation** to purchase lab supplies, and technology equipment. Receipts are issued upon request. Although, students won't be putting hands on some of the usual lab supplies, the science department will still experience funding needs to provide demonstrations.

On occasion, my classes watch movies to enhance learning in certain unit of studies. Movies are rated G and PG-13. ACBOE policy is to get parent approval for PG/PG13 movies. Please **check below if student is allowed to see a PG-13 movie.**

Communication is going to be critical between parents, students, and teachers this year. My email address to contact me is [Alyson.hahn@acboe](mailto:Alyson.hahn@acboe). Please provide your email down below so that I may contact you if needed.

We are privileged to use labs from Alabama Science in Motion. They are working with the schools to try and give our Science students the best possible lab experience despite circumstances. They require us to have students and parents complete the Flinn Scientific's Student Safety Contract. **Please fill this document out after reading and return with the bottom portion of this paper.**

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***Please return the form below to Mrs. Hahn by September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The syllabus is also on my teacher website and you may download it, sign it and send me a picture back through remind or email if you lose this copy.***

***Thank you! I look forward to working with you and your child this year!***

I have read and understand the policies and procedures for Mrs. Hahn's Biology class and have shared them with my parents.

**Student's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Period** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's/Guardian signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's email address** \_\_\_\_\_

My child is allowed to view a PG-13 movie. Please check \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Netiquette :**

- Be sure to e-mail questions as soon as you have them.
- Do not post or share anything that would embarrass you, ten years from now. If you wouldn't say it to someone's face don't. Read what you write before clicking send.
- Be sure to identify yourself in posts. It's helpful to know who you are talking to.
- Don't spam.
- Respect others private information and do not give it out.
- Remember if it is on the internet it is everywhere.
- Follow the school rules especially when you are on screen. Be sure that you are dressed appropriately and that there is nothing in the background that the principal shouldn't see.