

Prattville High School – Biology - Mrs. Ferguson – Room 301

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Lesson Plans can be found at gophslions.com and on Schoology.

GRADING

- Major Grades will include Unit Tests, Major Projects, and Major Lab Assessments. Minor Grades will occur on a variety of assignments, including class participation, worksheets, writing assignments, problem-solving labs, and quizzes.
- Papers/projects will be returned to you. Tests are kept in my files. Keep all returned graded papers until that term is complete to verify grades, if a question arises.
- Grades will be recorded in INow. **Check INow regularly. Please see me if you have any questions about your grade.**

• **Biology**

1st Semester	Major Grades=55%	Minor Grades=45%	
	1st nine weeks =40%	2nd nine weeks =40%	Midterm=20%
2nd Semester	Major Grades=55%	Minor Grades=45%	
	3rd nine weeks=40%	4th nine weeks=40%	Final =20%

• **GRADING SCALE**

90-100	A	60-69	D
80-89	B	0-59	F
79-70	C		

ASSIGNMENTS:

- All assignments be submitted through Schoology for all students (unless otherwise specified)
- Projects will **NOT** be accepted more than **2 days late** and will drop 10% of the assigned grade each day.
- Students may retake **ONE** test per semester and the higher grade will be accepted.

MAKEUP WORK

For regular daily assignments (other than projects), you have as many days to make up the work as you have been "excused" for your absence. Projects are due on the assigned due date or the day you return from an absence.

REMEMBER: It is your responsibility to makeup tests and assignments without me reminding you.

- Tests must be made up **before school** within **one week** after returning to school.

LATE -WORK POLICY

- Daily classwork assignments - No credit given **without** excused absence.
- Projects and all other assignments will be accepted late only with an excused absence.

SUPPLIES

- **composition book**
- scissors
- colored pencils
- glue stick
- pencils
- Donations: paper towels, hand soap, hand sanitizer, tissue, Clorox wipes

RULES

- Show respect to everyone and everything!
- Be in your seat and ready to work when the tardy bell rings.
- Bring your notebook, paper, and pencils to class every day.
- Cell phones will only be used in class when instructed by teacher and on the lesson plan.
- Personal area must be clear of trash before leaving class.
- You must stay in your assigned seat at all times unless given permission to get up.

DISCIPLINE POLICY FOR RULE VIOLATION

1st offense: verbal warning

2nd offense: detention (before school at 7:15 am)

3rd offense: detention/parent conference

4th offense: referral

CONTENT

The objectives of the **Alabama Course of Study** and the **ACT Quality Core Standards** will be taught through the following units:

Unit 1: The Foundations of Life

Unit 2: Bioenergetics

Unit 3: Molecular Genetics

Unit 4: Inheritance

Unit 5: Evolution

Unit 6: Ecology

NETIQUETTE

Please use common sense.

- Be sure to e-mail questions as soon as you have them. I check my e-mail at least twice a day. When I get in and during my prep which is 3rd and 4th this year. I will not respond after school hours until the next morning.
- 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.
- In casual conversation use appropriate emoticons.
- 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.
- Forgive and forget don't take things that others say to heart. It is very difficult to convey true emotion and intent through text.

Please return the form below to Mrs. Ferguson by September 18, 2020.

I have read and understand the policies and procedures for Mrs. Ferguson'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 _____

INow is available through the office. With a PIN number you have access to your student's grades, attendance and discipline records. Your e-mail address will provide me with a way of contacting you more easily. You may contact me by email.

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