## Subject: Honors Freshman Biology Teacher: Mrs. Hahn

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## Biology is the study of life. We will review facts learned in 7th grade life science and delve a little bit deeper into each topic. Our units will cover the cell, ecology, DNA and heredity, taxonomy, and evolution. This is my tenth year at Prattville High. Biology can be challenging in many respects. One of those challenges is the new terms. We will use different strategies in class and at home to learn those terms. We will perform many lab/activities to help students develop critical thinking skills by analyzing data from those labs. Honors students are expected to apply concepts they have learned in class or recognize examples of the concepts on tests.

## 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. We will be using Schoology as a learning management system this year. Each student will receive an access code to their assigned class. Assignments for all students will be posted there. There will be times students will also login to their account while in class and asked to complete an assignment. My lesson plans will be posted in a file labeled Lesson Plans in Schoology.

Please see me if you have any questions about grades. I would encourage you to visiti <http://gophslions.com> for any information you may need about Prattville High School.

**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.

**RULES**

* Be in assigned seat and ready to work. . Students will be assigned a seat and expected to stay in the seat the class period.
* Bring supplies to class every day.
* Personal area must be clear of trash before leaving class.
* Show respect to everyone and everything! NO BULLYING!
* Tardy’s are recorded by the teacher.

**DISCIPLINE POLICY FOR RULE VIOLATION (ACBOE Policy)**

***1st offense:*** Verbal warning

***2nd offense***: Parent/guardian notification

***3th 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..

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 IF your student is NOT allowed to see a PG-13 movie.**

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. We are required 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.**

***Please return the form below to Mrs. Hahn by August 20h, 2021. 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Check here \_\_\_\_\_\_ if your student is NOT allowed to watch a PG 13 movie.**