

Ecology
2019-2020
Class Syllabus

I. Instructor: Mr. Ryan Coleraine

Classroom #: S2

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II. Class Description

This class is designed to investigate individual species and how they interact with one another and their environment.

III. Materials Needed for Class

You need these items EVERY day in class. You may not use them, but you need to bring them.

- Pencil
- Paper

IV. Classroom Rules and Consequences**A. Classroom Rules**

1. Follow all directions the first time they are given.
2. Use only respectful language.
3. Sit in your assigned seat.
4. Be in your seat when the bell rings.
5. Listen when the teacher speaks.

*** Cursing, disrespecting the teacher, physically harming a student, OR blatantly destroying property will result in an immediate referral to the office!**

B. Negative Consequences

- 1st Warning
- 2nd Sit outside my room
- 3rd Referral to the office

V. Grading Policy**A. Composition of Grade**

Your grade will be calculated using a point system. Each assignment will be given the following points:

Tests = 100 points

Quizzes = 50 points

Classwork /Homework = 25 points

Your class grade will be determined by dividing the number of points you earned by the number of possible points. (Example: You earned 85 points out of the 100 points possible. Your grade is 85....85/100)

(Please note that letter grades follow the standards found in the student handbook)

A= 93-100

B= 85-92

C= 75-84

D= 70-74

F= below 70

Tests

- You will be given at least a 2 day notice before a test is given
- You will most likely be given a study guide

Quizzes

- Quizzes will be given at the beginning of class. They may or may not be announced ahead of time.

Labs/Activity

- Failure to complete prior assignments related to the lab activity will result in the student completing an alternative book assignment instead of the lab activity. (No homework = No fun lab)

Homework

- Homework is due at the beginning of each class

B. How to Improve Your Grade**a. Re-taking Tests**

- i. **Any test may be re-taken ONE time** (within the 9 week period the test was originally given) to improve the grade.
- ii. You can only re-take a test before school, after school, ICU, or during activity period.
- iii. You must make arrangements at least one day in advance to re-take the test.
- iv. **Tests which have received a zero may NOT be re-taken.** This includes zeros given for cheating. *Any form of communication or copying of work from one student to another student during a test or quiz WILL be considered cheating.*

C. Make-Up Work

Make-up work is the responsibility of the student and follows the guidelines in your student handbook!!! Make-up tests and quizzes must be done before school, after school, or during activity period.

I have read and fully understand this syllabus. As a student, I understand that my parent/guardian must sign below and I must return this paper to Coach Coleraine.

YOUR GRADE IS UP TO YOU!!!

Print Student Name

Period you are in Coach Coleraine's Class

List any Known Allergies:

Student Signature

Student Email Address

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent Email Address

****** Parents: Feel free to email at any point to get a copy of your child's grades.***

CCHS Lab Safety Contract for Science Classes

Section I- Lab Behavior

- A. The student will follow all directions as given by the teacher or outlined in the syllabus (see teacher's individual syllabus for further information).
- B. Students are prohibited from any behavior that would result in injury to themselves or others.
- C. All behavior that is dangerous, disruptive, or problematic will be dealt with on an individual basis.
- D. Improper behavior or lack of lab preparation may result in removal from all further lab activities for a specified period of time and/or a substituted graded assignment.
- E. All injuries are to be reported to the instructor **IMMEDIATELY!**

"I the student/parent have read and understand all of the procedures and rules mentioned above and are aware of the consequences (as outlined by the teacher and depending on severity) that are likely to occur if I do not follow all of the procedures and rules."

Student Signature & Date : _____

Parent Signature & Date: _____

Section II- Equipment

- A. Students are not to remove any equipment from the laboratory.
- B. All substances used within the lab are only to be used in the manner prescribed by the teacher (i.e. never to be eaten, huffed, inserted into the body, etc).
- C. All broken or damaged equipment is to be reported to the teacher immediately.
- D. Allergies/conditions that the student may need to make known within the lab so that provision will be made to prevent problems.

Please list all known allergies/conditions below (i.e. peanuts, iodine, etc):

*"I the student/parent am aware of the fact that the student may use any combination of the following in a lab session: fire, chemicals, heat, glassware, sharp dissecting tools, food materials, electrical devices, and other potentially dangerous materials. **I UNDERSTAND THAT STUDENT SAFETY IS COMPROMISED IF THE STUDENT DOES NOT FOLLOW ALL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES WITHIN THE LAB.** I understand that the student must follow all directions given in the syllabus or the by the teacher as a safety concern to themselves and others in the lab area."*

Student Signature & Date : _____

Parent Signature & Date: _____