**Biology**

**North Rowan High School**

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**Course Description**

This Course is a Science Class and focuses on the structured and functions of living organisms, ecosystems, evolutions and genetics and molecular biology. Students are required to take the end of course EOC exam. It will require additional readings and assignments.

**Course Outline**

The following topics will be covered during the course of this class:

* Scientific Inquiry
* Biochemistry
* Cell Biology
* Genetics
* Evolution
* Ecology
* Plants
* Animal/Animal Behavior

**Classroom Materials**

* + 3-ring Binder and dividers 🖉 Writing Implements (blue/black only)
  + Loose Leaf Paper 🖉 Calculator (one that can add/subtract/
  + #2 pencils & Sharpener multiply/divide …nothing fancy)
  + Colored Pencils (optional but recommended) and 1 Inter science book.

**Grading Policies**

Each student will be based on their academic performance. Each student will earn his/her grade based on their comprehension of the material. The following is how grades will be proportioned for this course:

**35% (Tests), 20% (Quizzes), 30% (Assignments/Labs), 15% (Homework),**

**Grades will be available on-line via Parent Assistant.**

**Grading Scale:**

**A 93% - 100%**

**B 85% - 92%**

**C 77% - 84%**

**D 70% - 76%**

**F 0% - 69%**

**INS- Incomplete**

**FF- No Credit**

**Class Rules:**

• Be Respectful

• Be Responsible

• Be Supportive

• Be Safe

… and as always, we will follow **all RSS rules at all times**

**Consequences**

In order to maintain the best learning environment for all students, it is important for everyone to follow the RSS policies regarding in-class and out-of-class behavior including the dress code, lock-out, etc. Disrespectful and time-wasting behavior will not be tolerated. When behaviors do not meet expectations, students can expect the following consequences:

1. Verbal warning – name on teacher disciplinary log
2. Seat Change / Student Conference/Parent Contact
3. Parental Conference
4. Office referral/Removal from the learning environment.

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As no two circumstances are the same, there may be times when I must skip a verbal warning or parental contact and immediately refer a student to the office. Please remember, you are responsible for your own behavior and should respect the learning process. I do contact home for positive reasons as well as negative reasons.

**Expectations and Procedures**

* There are only two ways that you will fail my course. #1 – excessive absence, once on your 9 TH absence, you are eligible to fail. #2 – Refusal to do work. I have planned many activities for us, and expect all assignments done completely and promptly. Late work will be accepted with a reduction of 10% each day up to seven days.
* I will follow the school’s tardy policy. Class will start promptly after the bell rings. Please be start on the Warm-Up promptly upon entering the classroom. We will get each class started immediately!
* Expect homework each night. Students can have make-up period. I follow the school’s policy on dress code, food and drink in the classroom, language, and especially lab safety rules. Consult your student handbook and the lab safety rules for questions.
* Classroom decorum is business decorum.

**Attendance**

According to the student handbook, a student is allowed to miss 8 days in a class before having to complete recovery for that particular class. It is of utmost importance for the student to be in class in order to not fall behind on work and understanding, as many concepts build on each other. If a student knows that they will be absent in advance, it is their responsibility to get any work they will be missing and make-up any tests/quizzes that were administered.

**Absences**

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND OUT WHAT ASSIGNMENTS WERE GIVEN IF YOU ARE ABSENT. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING UP ANY MISSED WORK FOR AN ABSENCE IN A TIMELY MANNER. In order to not fall behind, you can email me or check my webpage to see what you missed. If a student is absent on the assignment due date, the assignment is due the day that the student returns to class.

**Late Work**

1. Students who are turning in late work will have up to 4 class days to turn in the work before receiving an automatic zero on the assignment.
2. Students will get 25% taken off their grade each day that the assignment is late. After the 4th day the student will receive a zero on the assignment.
3. Students who are turning work in late due to absence will have five days from their return to make arrangements with me to complete their make-up work.
4. Students who attend a certain number of tutorial sessions will receive the opportunity to complete alternative assignments to replace zero grades.

**Notebooks, Note taking, and Study Cards**

You are **required** to maintain a notebook/binder. In this notebook you are to keep everything. The first item should be this Student Handbook. The second should be your Table of Contents page. Everything we do in and out of class is expected to be in you binder. Keep everything in chronological (date) order. You will receive several notebook check grades for your notebook. Each time a graded paper is returned. You should record the assignment on the table of contents.

**Labs**

The lab is not place for horseplay, and it will not be tolerated. All lab safety rules will be obeyed at all times. Some labs may be made up after school or at home. For other labs there will not be make-up opportunities (due to material or time limits). When this is the case a **three page report on a relevant and related topic will be assigned and is due one week from date assigned**.

**Tests/Quizzes**

ALL TESTS will be announced in advance as soon as possible, in order for you to review the material and/or come in for extra help. It is YOUR responsibility to schedule time for extra help. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO BE IN ATTENDANCE DURING ALL TESTS. It is your responsibility to schedule a time to take a make-up test as soon as possible; **you will have one week from when the test was given** **to make-up the test or it will result in a zero**. Make-up tests can be scheduled before or after school.

**Failure is not an option!**

"1. Students who score a 77 or below on a test have the option to re-take that test.  
2. Students wishing to retake a test must inform me within 48 hours of receiving their score.  
3. Students will be required to attend two after school tutorial sessions and complete remediation assignments before re-taking the test.  
4. The score that the student receives on the re-test will replace their score on the original test.  
5. Students will take re-tests after school on the date that I choose."

QUIZZES – quizzes may or may not be announced. You should be **reviewing class material each night** in order to be prepared for a quiz. It is your responsibility to schedule a time to take a make-up quiz within 3 days.

**Academic Honesty**

It is the policy of North Rowan High School that all student work is original and representative of the student’s knowledge and ability. ALL STUDENTS AT NORTH ROWAN HIGH SCHOOL ARE EXPECTED TO ACT AS ACADEMICALLY HONEST STUDENTS!

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is a particular type of cheating that has no place in the academic community. Plagiarism is most easily avoided by learning proper documentation techniques. The techniques mean using MLA and/or APA citations, easily available on [www.easybib.com](http://www.easybib.com).

**Biology – *Mr. Rohit Desai***

**Student/Parent Agreement and Contact Information**

***Student Agreement:***

I have read and understand all policies and procedures. I agree to abide by them at all times. If I have a question, I will ask. I also agree to only turn in my work as my own; it will not be plagiarized, copied or borrowed from someone else and claimed as mine.

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Student Email Address (For a classroom email list)

***Parent Agreement:***

I have read and understand all policies and procedures as outlined in the course syllabus. I understand that my child is expected to abide by them at all times. I also understand that if I have a question or concern, I can contact the teacher. I understand if my child turns in work that is copied, plagiarized, etc. that my child will not receive credit for that assignment.

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Parent Signature Date

***Please complete the following information:***

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Does your child have internet access at home? YES NO

\*Would you like to be on a classroom email list to receive reminders concerning assignments and other information? YES NO

\*In a Non-Emergency situation, would you prefer to be contacted by email or phone?

\*\*Use this space for any information you feel I should know\*\*

(Ex: Medical Conditions, medications, allergies, seating requirements, etc.)