

HOW TO CONTACT ME



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Ask questions or message using my website

CLASS MATERIALS

Required:

- 2 composition notebooks (1 per semester)
available to purchase from Miss Murphy for \$1
- Signed Tech Approval Form
- Multiple pencils
- Paid \$10 lab fee
- Signed lab safety contract



ROOM 103 CLASS POLICIES

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Safe
3. Be Responsible

Expectations

Consequences

Rules

1. Be in seat when tardy bell rings.
2. Do not use electronic devices in class without teacher permission.
3. Maintain a clean and orderly work area.
4. Bring all of your supplies to class daily.
5. Complete all of your work and turn it in on time.
6. Do not disrupt classroom learning.

1. **Warning:** The teacher provides a verbal reprimand/reminder to student.
2. **Temporary Seat Change:** Short time spent in alternate seat to contemplate conduct.
3. **Lunch Detention:** Part of the next lunch period spent discussing conduct.
4. **Lunch Detention and Parent Contact:** Detention and parent notification.

Repeated Level 3 or 4 consequences OR major offenses will result in:

5. **Referral to Administration:** A student will be immediately referred to administration for severe behavior problems or repeated minor offenses.

* In some instances consequence levels may be skipped when warranted

REMIND

Sign up to receive weekly text messages and/or emails about your homework assignments in Biology class? Parents, you may join too :)

- 1* Biology - text @nvhsbio1 to 81010
- 2* Biology - text @nvhsbio2 to 81010
- 3* Biology - text @nvhsbio3 to 81010
- 5* Biology - text @nvhsbio5 to 81010

GRADES

Semester 1 Units:

- + NATURE OF SCIENCE
- + ECOLOGY
- + CELLS

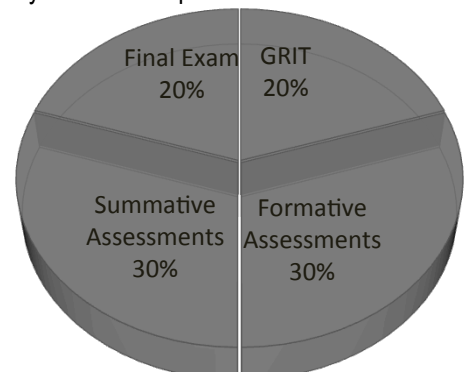
Grades are based on a weighted system according to the categories below. Your final grade will be the grade you earn; they will not be rounded. Your citizenship grade will be your GRIT grade.

→**GRIT:** Are you participating in your learning? This includes classwork, homework, and class participation.

→**Formative Assessments:** Are you understanding what is being taught? Quizzes and lab analysis will help you see where you need to focus your attention.

→**Summative Assessments:** Did you learn the content? This is your unit exams taken at the very end of instruction.

→**Final Exam:** A cumulative exam showing mastery of the concepts covered in the class.



LATE / INCOMPLETE WORK

- Practice/Homework assignments must be 100% complete and turned in on time to be awarded points. When practice work is not turned in on time or is unfinished it will be marked as "incomplete" in the gradebook. If practice work is turned in late it will be marked in the gradebook with a "yes" indicating that the work was later completed.
- Missed tests and quizzes will be marked as missing and scored as a 0% until taken. Tests and quizzes will not be penalized if taken late.

"NO BAGS ABOUT IT"

- Students may NOT have their backpacks at their desk.
- Students are expected to use their lockers OR the designated bin for the duration of class.

ABSENTEE POLICY*** YES, WE DID SOMETHING IMPORTANT WHILE YOU WERE ABSENT.**

- * It is the student's responsibility to check the class task list and file folder to collect any assignments missed. If a student does not find any missing work he or she must check with the teacher.
- * A student has the number of days he/she was absent plus one additional day to collect and submit missed assignments.
- * If a quiz or test was administered on a day a student was absent, the quiz or test should be made up on the first day the student returns.
- * If previously assigned work was due on the day of the absence, the work is due on the first day the student returns.

TEST CORRECTIONS

* For *some* tests and quizzes there will be an opportunity to make corrections AND retake the test.

* Before corrections or a retake can occur the student must complete any missing or incomplete assignments from the unit.

INFINITE CAMPUS

Infinite Campus (<https://campus.washoeschools.net/campus/portal/washoe.jsp>) will be updated regularly. Messages about class progress will be sent home frequently via e-mail through the Infinite Campus Messenger function.

Please have an updated e-mail address for your Infinite Campus account.

Parents and students are strongly encouraged to check the Infinite Campus Portal on a weekly basis to view the most current grades in all classes.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is taking the ideas and/or writings of another and passing them off as one's own.

In this class, plagiarism includes...

1. Turning in another's **work** as one's own
2. **Copying** work from a friend before class (or while in another class)
3. Including a source but failing to **cite** it
4. Copying an **author's exact words** and passing them off as one's own

Students caught plagiarizing will be given ZERO for the assignment.

CHEATING

- * The teacher will mark in Infinite Campus that cheating/plagiarizing has occurred.
- * The student will be given a zero for that particular test or assignment.
- * Parent contact will be made if cheating/plagiarizing occurs on major tests, projects, or essays.

CELL PHONES

- Cell phones must be silenced and either put away or placed screen side down on the desk during class.
- At times, the use of phones will be permitted for searching for information, setting reminders, playing review games, using the timer function, etc.
- If cell phones (or any other electronics) are used without permission during class the phone will spend the rest of the period in "phone jail" and can be retrieved at the end of class.
- If a phone makes frequent trips to phone jail it will be confiscated and turned in to the office for a parent to come pick it up.

I, _____, have read and understand the rules and expectations for Biology. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to contact my teacher if I have any questions or concerns. I know that I will be given a copy of this syllabus and that the syllabus will be posted on Miss Murphy's website so that it is available to me at any time. I know that some assignments will need to be submitted digitally and that printer/computer/flash drive issues are not an excuse for late work. It is my responsibility to ask for help and/or clarification when needed; I can do this by email, website, or in person.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____