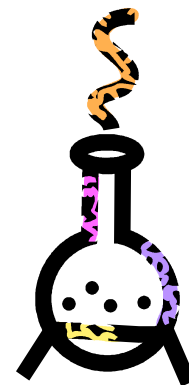


# Biology

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## Design

This course is designed for students to meet the Dubuque Community School District's graduation requirements and fulfill the Iowa Core Curriculum guideline for biology. Students will be expected to study and understand several major themes in biology. A willingness to put forth effort in assignments, labs, quizzes and projects will greatly improve the student's success and enjoyment for the class.

## Materials

Students will be expected to bring the following materials to class on a daily basis:

\*Agenda                      \*Notebook                      \*Pen/Pencil                      \*Textbook (Covered)

\*Folder or Binder w/ loose-leaf paper

## Overview of Biology Themes

- **The Nature and Process of Science** – science is ongoing and inventive and models the real world. It is based on verifiable evidence and scientific knowledge that changes as new evidence is found
- **Life and Environmental Sciences** – Understand the characteristics, structures and functions of living things, the processes of life and how living things interact with each other and their environment
- **Physical Science** – Understand the structure and properties of matter

## Assignments and Quality of Work

- All assignments completed must be legible and in good condition. Assignments handed in after the due date will receive reduced credit. There will be no late assignments accepted once the unit has been completed and the class has moved into another topic.
- Any students that are caught sharing or copying work will receive no credit for the assignment, quiz or test. All students involved will receive the same consequence.
- **Extra Credit** will be given from time to time to help improve student grades. There will be no extra credit given to take the place of assignments not completed throughout the unit.

## **Tardies and Absences**

Every student is expected to be in the classroom when the bell rings. Student need to be familiar with the District policies regarding tardies and absences. Habitual tardies and absences will be dealt with in accordance with the policies listed in the student passport.

## **Behavioral Expectations**

- ❖ No food will be allowed in the classroom. Only water will be allowed in the classroom.
- ❖ Respect everyone in the classroom (teachers, students, guests, etc...)
- ❖ Respect the materials in the room; including your book
- ❖ Stop talking when the instructor is speaking. Follow directions once they are given
- ❖ Do not use cell phones for personal communication during class time
- ❖ BE SAFE

## **Grading**

❖	93% and above	A	73-76	C
❖	90-92	A-	70-72	C-
❖	87-89	B+	67-69	D+
❖	83-86	B	63-66	D
❖	80-82	B -	60-62	D-
❖	77-79	C+	Below 60%	F

## **General Notes**

Please be sure to read through this syllabus and keep in with science materials. Also, take time to share this with a parent/guardian. If there are any questions, please feel free to ask. Let's all have a great year.