**Biology 1**

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**Course Description**

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

As we begin the school year, I would like to welcome and familiarize you with this year’s Biology objectives and requirements. I encourage parents to email and communicate as much as possible. Parents and guardians are always welcome to schedule a conference or simply send an inquiry, please contact me at richard1.harabin@cms.k12.nc.us. To ensure your child’s success, communication is key for both positive feedback and areas where there are concerns. The following materials are required for Biology and should be purchased within the first few days of school. Biology is intended as a ninth or tenth grade course for highly motivated students who have demonstrated an interest in science. The Biology EOC exam is required to receive credit for this class. The EOC will be administered in January for first semester students, and in June for second semester students.

**Course Materials**

Supplies include:

* **2 or 3 inch wide three-ring binder**
* **8 dividers/tabs**
* **Colored pencils for lab drawings and projects**
* **Notebook paper**
* Glue stick and scissors
* Package of computer paper
* Classroom supply donation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Notebook**

Your notebook will be a crucial aspect of your coursework and grade. You will be required to keep your papers ALL YEAR!

1. All papers are to be hole-punched and in the correct category.
2. You must have eight dividers correctly labeled as follows…

a. Warm-ups

b. Biochemistry

c. Cells

d. Genetics

e. Biotechnology

f. Evolution

g. Ecology

h. Classification

***NOTICE: The notebook will be collected at the end of the semester. I will evaluate the contents and the organization and use it in the final determination of your grade.***

**General Information**

Website: Students will be expected to print out information from my website. All test dates and homework information can be accessed through my site: https://rickharabin.weebly.com/

Attendance: Since we are on the block schedule, it is imperative you practice good attendance. If you are absent, please see me the morning you return to school to obtain your make up work. You may ask your classmates for any missed notes. Recovery for missed classes will be handled in accordance with the Ardrey Kell policy.

Grades: Grades will be based on tests, quizzes, homework, class work, and lab work. There will be a state mandated End of Course Test in all biology classes. You can prepare for this exam by accurately completing and reviewing assignments regularly. Test and quizzes (formal) are 70% and assignments (informal) are 30%.

Retest Policy: The retest policy is as follows:

1. Student must initiate the retest process.

2. Student will complete some sort of assignment/remediation.

3. Student will attend a tutoring session either before or after school.

4. Student will retest and cannot earn above a 79%.

Cheating: Possession of a cheat sheet on your person, on your desk or chair, in your calculator, talking during a test, providing a student with your completed work, etc. is considered cheating, and regardless of whether or not you use the information. Offenders will receive a referral for honor code violation, parents will be notified, and you will receive a zero on the assignment.

Homework: Homework will be assigned periodically. It is vital that you complete and regularly review your homework.

Tutoring: I am available for tutoring every school day at 6:55 am, and Tuesday-Thursday after school until 3:30 pm.

All classroom expectations will be implemented according to the Ardrey Kell Handbook. Consequences:

1. Warning

2. Student Conference

3. Time-Out (SMC) - Parent Contact

4. Teacher ASD – Parent Contact

5. Office Referral

Expectations:

1. Be prepared with notebook, pencil, pen and planner each day.
2. Be in your seat and completing the warm-up as class starts
3. Be sure that you have printed off any info from the webpage—if instructed.
4. Respect the teacher, fellow classmates and school property while following all aspects of the Ardrey Kell Handbook. This includes keeping your desk and lab area CLEAN!

Our overview of Biology will include notes, discussions, lab work, and classwork. I feel that learning is benefited when we are able to apply our knowledge to everyday occurrences and to the real world. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Sincerely,

Rick Harabin