**Science 10 - Overview**

Welcome to Science 10! I’m looking forward to a great year with you! We will study various topics within Biology, Chemistry, Astronomy and Physics. We will do various experiments and activities to develop and reinforce the concepts presented.

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**Attendance**

Attendance is vital to being successful in this lab course. If you are away due to illness, appointments, vacations, etc, you are missing important lessons! If you know you are going to be absent, please notify the teacher as soon as possible to make arrangements to make up work.

**If you are away for ANY reason, the following rules apply:**

**Homework/Assignments/Labs/Quizzes** – are always due the NEXT class unless otherwise specified. If you are away on the day it is due, have a friend or family member drop it by my room (204) or to the office before 3:30 pm. A zero will be given to assignments and labs not received on time. There are NO make-up labs. At the end of each term you will be allowed to omit some assignments OR labs OR quizzes from a list of my choosing. Please feel free to discuss any long-term UNPREVENTABLE absenteeism with me for further considerations.

**Tests** – You MUST have your parents/guardians phone or email me and leave a message at the school ON or BEFORE the day of the test if you are absent for any reason. **You will be expected to write the test in-class upon returning from an absence.**

\*Some exceptions may be made to above if there are extenuating circumstances.

**Lates**

Students are to be on time for class. When the bell rings you are to be in your seat, your books should be open and you are ready to listen. If you are late, enter quietly, put your name on the board, and take your seat.

**Quizzes/Tests** - If you are late for a quiz or a test, you will have reduced time to complete the quiz or the test. If you miss the quiz because you are late, you will receive zero for it.

**Homework & Assignments**

Homework will be assigned on a DAILY basis. You will be expected to spend **20-30 minutes** each day on homework questions, lab questions or preparing for quizzes and tests. Some homework assignments will be marked in class, handed in and marked by the teacher or be checked for completion.

**Extra Help**

Additional help will be available after and/or before school. It will be limited to brief questions or clarifications of material. **Be prepared with SPECIFIC questions for me to answer.**

**Textbooks**

We will not be using a text this year.

**Quizzes/Tests**

Quizzes may be given as often as one per week. Unit tests will be given at the conclusion of each section. Further details will be given prior to each test.

**Marks Letter Grades**

Assignments, Quizzes & Labs 40% A 86% - 100% C- 50% - 59%

 B 73% - 85% I 0% - 49%

Tests 60 % C+ 67% - 72% C 60% - 66%

**Cheating**

Students are to do their OWN work. I want to grade you on your knowledge and not your friend’s knowledge. Students will keep their eyes on their own papers and protect their papers from any wondering eyes during tests and quizzes. Students will not communicate with other students during tests and quizzes (ie. no talking). Students will not be allowed to use “extra” materials brought into class during tests and quizzes. Any copying of answers or data is considered cheating. Students will also be considered to be cheating if they allow other students to see their tests or quizzes, sharing data or allowing copying of answers. Cheating of any kind will be dealt with swiftly and severely.

**Expectations for Biology 11 Course**

**What I should expect from you:**

1. come prepared to learn (please limit drinks of water and bathroom visits to the breaks)
2. come prepared with all the necessary materials from your locker
3. assignments on time and completed to the best of your ability
4. respectful of other students and with me
5. find a way to be organized
6. willingness to participate

**What you should expect from me:**

1. respectful
2. no surprises
3. a caring and concerned attitude
4. fair and equitable treatment
5. getting to know you a bit and what you need to succeed
6. challenge and stimulate your thinking
7. organized