

# BIOLOGY CLASSROOM RULES

## Grading Criteria

Your grade will be based on the following categories:

Tests, quizzes, lab reports, projects, homework, class work, notebooks, and class participation.

Grading will be based on a “total points system.” Each assignment will be worth a certain amount of points towards your grade.

**Class work cannot be made up, it is to be done IN class.**

Many assignments (including hw) will be graded on a check system.

√++ = 100    √+ = 80    √ = 70    √- = 50    ○ = 0

## Homework/Make-up work

Homework will be given on a regular basis and will be graded. It is the responsibility of the student to check the board daily for any assignments. Homework is due at the beginning of the class period. Students may hand homework in the next class for half credit. No late work will be accepted after 5 days from the due date and assignments will not be accepted after the unit test. Tests, quizzes, labs, and larger assignments must be made up within one week of the assignment. Anything submitted after this time will not be accepted.

## Tardiness

Unexcused tardiness to class will not be tolerated and will result in the following disciplinary actions:

1<sup>st</sup> tardy → free

2<sup>nd</sup> tardy → 10-minute teacher detention

3<sup>rd</sup> tardy → 20-minute teacher detention and referral

## Absences

If you are absent, *YOU* are responsible for missed work. For each excused absence, you will be given **one** class period to make up your work. You should ask a classmate or me what you have missed. All labs, tests, and quizzes must be made up immediately upon returning to school.

\*\*If you are absent on the day of a test, you are to take it the day you get back! If you are absent the class before the test, you are to take it within two days of the test \*\*

It will be your responsibility to get any study guides or notes taken the class before. Feel free to email me, and I can email you any study guides you missed that day (as well as assignments).

\*\*\*\* You will NOT be permitted to make-up ANY work if you have an unexcused absence (also known as a CUT). This includes labs, tests, quizzes, class work assignments, and homework assignments that were due that day. \*\*\*\*

## Entering the Classroom

COME PREPARED!!! You should come to class on time with the appropriate materials: covered textbook, pen and/or pencil, your biology binder and any assignment that is to be turned in. On most days, I will have a “Do Now” warm-up assignment on the board in which you are to immediately and QUIETLY work on upon entering the room.

### Cheating

Knowingly using or copying the academic work of another and presenting it as his/her own without proper attribution will result in the suspension of the student, as described in the Sheehan High School Student-Parent Handbook.

### Communication and Extra Help

I believe that good communication between parent, student, and teacher is vital. All students are encouraged to request extra help when they feel they need it. Extra help will be available directly after school by appointment.

### Other Rules

- Know the fire drill and escape route
- Be respectful of everyone, including your teacher
- **NO** food or drinks allowed in the classroom (except water)
- **NO** walkmans, Discmans, or mp3 players in the classroom
- **NO** cell phones allowed.  
First offense → warning.  
Second time → I take it until the end of the school day (after you serve 20 minute detention) and third or more → it will be brought down to the main office.
- **NO** cursing. One warning, then followed with detention.

### BINDER Requirements

Students are required to maintain and have with them EACH DAY a separate biology 3-ring binder. A notebook **quiz** will be given before mid-term and final exams. The following outline will help you organize your notebook:

- ★ Class Notes: This section is where you will write down the notes given
- ★ Class Work/Homework: This section includes all the assignments completed in class and completed at home. These assignments should be placed in chronological order.
- ★ Quizzes and Tests: This section includes all quizzes and tests in chronological order.
- ★ Laboratories/Projects: This section includes all projects, labs, and lab reports completed in class and for homework in chronological order.