



Ruben S. Ayala High school



Biology and the Living Earth
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Classroom: B117

Welcome! This is a Biology course which will delve into a variety of exciting topics. The purpose of this syllabus is to inform you about expectations, procedures, and rules that will be followed in this classroom.

Expectations:

- Be in your assigned seat before the bell rings.
- Remain quiet and stay in your seat during the whole class period.
- Be prepared with sharpened pencils, highlighters, and notebook.
- Participate in all activities and labs in class.
- Be responsible for turning in and making up all assignments and tests.

Rules:

- Be safe at all times – safety is especially key during lab experiments.
- Do not cheat or plagiarize - students caught cheating will receive an automatic zero.
- No food, drinks (except water).
- No cell phones, caps, or hoods on while in class.
- Use respectful language in the class - no cursing or yelling, use appropriate language.

Consequences for poor behavior:

- Warning.
- Detention – either in my room to clean up or a school detention.
- Contact parent/guardian.
- Continuous disruption and rule breaking will lead to a referral to administration.

Materials:

Bring the following materials to class every day.

- Composition notebook (college ruled), blue or black pens, sharpened pencils, colored pencils, highlighter.

Grades:

Grades will be posted every week online. Grades will be calculated based on the total number of points earned versus the total number of points possible. This is a tentative distribution of grades.

90-100%	A	60% Assessments
80-89%	B	20% Labs and activities
70-79%	C	15% Notebook check and homework
60-69%	D	5% Participation
0-59%	F	

Coursework:

Each unit that will be covered this year will require students to learn vocabulary, perform experiments during lab, take student assessments in the form of quizzes and tests, write notes and lab reports, do group activities, and participate in discussions.

Make-up Work:

- Late assignments will earn 50% of the original grade. The only exception will be an excused absence such as an illness, or a special circumstance that was discussed with the teacher prior to the due date.
- Make up quizzes must be taken within one week of when quiz was taken, or before the quizzes are passed back. Tests should be made up as soon as student is back from absence.

Procedures:

- At the beginning of each period, students will perform a 'Do-Now' activity where they will write in their composition notebooks.
- Restroom breaks will not be allowed during the first and last 10 minutes of the period.
- Students should be in their seats before the tardy bell rings.
- Ask questions during class. If unable to, see me before or after class.

I look forward to working with each one of you in making this a successful year for you ahead.

Thank you!

Shital Kavia

Student and Parent Signatures

Parent/guardian and student should go over the syllabus together and read all rules, expectations, and procedures set.

By signing, the student is agreeing to honor all policies set in the classroom by the teacher.

Student

Printed student name: _____

Period: _____

Student signature: _____

Parent

Printed parent name: _____

Parent signature: _____

Parent email address(s): _____

Parent phone contact number(s): _____