

## What Can I Do to Improve My Biology Grade?

1. Come to class every day with your binder, book, pen/pencil, your homework, etc.

Going to your locker for forgotten things means you MISS OUT on explanations, directions, and MUCH MORE while you are gone.

2. BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN LEARNING. Pay attention and participate in class.

Ask your teacher for help if you are not understanding something. Come and get help with your homework. Keep track of due dates and study until "you know it".

3. Complete all homework correctly and on time

Points on completed homework assignments can balance a lower test score, PLUS doing homework is a way to practice with the information you need to know. You will do better on the test.

4. Get a 3-ring notebook (NOT a pocket folder or Trapper Keeper)

Put all assignments and handouts INTO the binder. Keeping organized will make it so you can complete assignments on time, have the information you need to study, and have the resources you will need for the OPEN NOTE semester test at the end of the semester.

5. Write out your vocab definitions. Writing these out ahead of time will help you begin to learn what the words mean and you will be able to use your completed definition sheet on the OPEN NOTE VOCAB QUIZ. . . an "easy A" for every chapter.

5. Complete the "What I Need To Know For the Test" EXTRA CREDIT before each test. Answering the questions is a way to practice what you need to know for the test, PLUS you can turn it in for some bonus points when you take your test.

6. Do some EXTRA CREDIT

You can complete up to 4 SCIENCE ARTICLE SUMMARIES each quarter for extra credit points. Returning grade slips with a parent/guardian signature is another way to accumulate some extra credit points.

7. FINALLY... REALLY STUDY FOR TESTS

Study a little each night. Don't wait until the night before the test to start. Don't just read your book over and over. You need to work with the information and practice answering questions. Use the REVIEW GAMES on the BIOLOGY WEBSITE (see below) and practice until you know it!

BIOLOGY WEBSITE: <http://local.brookings.k12.sd.us/biology/default.htm>

USER: biology Password: bhs