**Biology Honors Syllabus**

Mrs. Susan Harris

**Text: Biology, Glencoe 2013**

**Basic Course Outline:**

**1stSemester:** Intro**,** Scientific Method, Biochemistry, Cell Biology. Cell Energetics, Cell division, Genetics

**Second Semester**: Biotechnology, Natural Selection, Classification, Plants, Human Biology, Ecology, Safer Choices curriculum, Review for Exam

Each unit will include assignments such as labs, vocabulary, quizzes and additional projects.

**Notebooks** will be required and a table of contents will be kept in class to help organize the units. Notebooks will be collected and checked on a regular basis. A 3 ring binder just for Biology with notebook and graph paper will be required.

**Grades:**

All assignments will be given a point value based on the difficulty and size of the assignment. The points will be placed in one of three categories and weighted as follows:

50 % tests and quizzes 90-100% A

30 % lab reports/projects 80-89% B

20 % notebooks/class work/homework 70-79% C

60-69% D

Grades and attendance can be viewed on the parent portal. This can be used as a guide to your progress and as a way to view missing assignments as well as check you attendance! Don’t wait until it is too late to do something!

You are responsible for checking your assignments and making sure you have them turned in on time. If you are absent, it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. Assignments missed due to unexcused absences may not be made up. Late assignments will have 50% of the total points deducted and will not be accepted after all graded assignments have been returned to the class. **It is VERY important to turn in assignments on time!**

**Please check Edmodo when you are absent!**

**Materials: A** 3 ring binder used only for Biology, notebook paper, graph paper, basic calculator, pens, pencils, color pencils and a great attitude!

**Classroom rules:** Come prepared to learn, be polite and use common sense. I expect your full undivided attention all period. Please see the **class procedures** handout for details on this. No cell phones are to be used or visible during class, especially during tests as it will result in a zero on the test or quiz.

**End of Course Exam:** Biology will have a state wide exam given at the end of the class to assess the state standards for this class. The results of this exam may be worth up to 30% of the final grade and a passing score is expected for all students. Students will be expected to retain review materials from each unit to help prepare for this exam. Detailed information about the content of the test can be found at the following web site: [http://fcat.fldoe.org/eoc/itemspecs.asp](https://mail.leon.k12.fl.us/owa/redir.aspx?C=f721a824a29b41e2920305ba7ee768a0&URL=http%3a%2f%2ffcat.fldoe.org%2feoc%2fitemspecs.asp)

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all students will be expected to make an account by using the code given in class

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This is subject to change at the teacher’s request, with student notification.