**Marine Science Classroom Policies**

**Mr. Daigle**

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Course Standards can be found at www.cpalms.org

Textbook: Introduction to Marine Biology by Karelskint, Turner, & Small. Replacement value: $33

**Class Rules**

* **Respect the rights of others.** You have the right to learn in a civilized environment and I have the right to teach in one.
* **No one has the right to interfere with the learning process.** Talking, making unnecessary noise, distracting others in any way (including text messaging) interrupts the learning process.
* **Be on time**. We need the time for learning, not tracking your tardy problems.
* **No cell phones or electronic devices during class!**
* **Cheating is unacceptable at all times**. Study so you do not put yourself in that situation.
* **Do not congregate at the door when the bell rings**. Please be in your seat until the bell rings.
* **All other school rules are in your agenda books, so please read them and bring it to school every day**.

**Discipline Plan**

1. **In-class timeout and a student/teacher conference if verbal warnings are insufficient.**
2. **After school conference and/or detention where you and I try to solve the problem together. Alternatively, I may contact your parent or guardian.**
3. **A parent conference with you present to explain your position and/or a referral to the appropriate principal.**
4. **Permanent removal from the class if none of the above has helped you realize your behavior is infringing on my right to teach and other students right to learn.**

**Student Conduct will be assessed as follows**:

Good citizenship includes the following key characteristics: Preparation, punctuality, and following directions.

I will grade your citizenship on the following rubric:

1. Student is ALWAYS prepared, punctual, and on task.
2. Student is almost always prepared, punctual, and on task.
3. Student is sporadically prepared, punctual, and on task.  Has also been issued multiple in-class timeouts or detentions for behavioral issues.
4. Student is rarely prepared, punctual, and on task.  Has also been issued at least 1 referral in the class.

**Grading Policy**

* **Tests count for 70% of your grade. I will drop the lowest test grade.**
* **Classwork, Homework, and Labs count for 30% of your grade. I will drop the lowest grade.** I will check your work for completion and honest effort. If it is satisfactory it will receive full credit (100%). **If it is less than 75% complete or I judge that an honest effort has not been made to properly complete the assignment, it will receive either half credit (50%) or a zero. Assignments less than half complete will always receive a zero.**
* **To calculate your total grade multiply your test average by .70 and your assignment average by .30. Add these two values to get your grade.**

\*Grades are posted online within two days of the due date. **It is your responsibility to retain your online password and check you grade regularly. Grades will not be given out in class.**

* **Late Work:** One letter grade will be deducted for each day the assignment is late.

**Academic Integrity**

Academic integrity violations can include plagiarism, cheating, and unauthorized group work on **any** assignment, project, or test.

**If a student is caught the following will occur:**

* **The student will receive an F with zero credit.**
* **The citizenship grade will be lowered for the grading period.**
* **A notice will be recorded with the guidance office.**

**Any occurrence of academic dishonesty may be reported by the guidance office on college admissions applications.**

**Syllabus**

**First Semester:**

* The Nature of Science and Scientific Inquiry
* Fundamentals of Ecology
* Geology of the Ocean
* The Properties of Water; Waves, and Tides
* Evolution and Classification
* Marine Microbes and Primary Producers

**Second Semester:**

* Lower Invertebrates
* Higher Invertebrates
* Marine Fish
* Marine Reptiles and Birds
* Marine Mammals
* Estuaries
* Coral Reefs
* Human Impacts on the Ocean

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Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_