

# Welcome to Biology!



## Course Description

Biology is the study of living things and their processes.

Throughout the year, this course provides an opportunity for students to develop scientific process skills, laboratory techniques, and an understanding of the fundamental principles of living organisms. Students will explore biological science as a process, cell structure and function, genetics and heredity, evolution and classification, diversity of living organisms and their ecological roles, and an introduction to animal structure and function. An end of course test (STAAR) will be administered in the spring, which covers objectives from both semesters.

## About the Teacher

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Conference: 4<sup>th</sup> Period

Tutoring: **TBD**

## Required Materials

Pens and/or pencils

Highlighter

Dry erase markers

Spiral Notebook

3 ring binder 1" or larger

Personal hand sanitizer (optional)



## Classroom Rules

1. Respect your fellow classmates, the teacher and the classroom environment.
2. Be responsible for your own learning.
3. Be willing to put forth your best effort. Turn in work on time and always do your best.
4. Use appropriate voice levels. Do not talk when I am talking.
5. Be on time for both zoom and/or in person learning.
6. ID's are visible around the neck and face masks are on at all times.
7. Maintain social distance (6 ft.) and sit only at your designated area.

## Online Rules

1. Be on time for zoom class
2. Dress appropriately
3. Mute microphone
  - a. Ask and answer questions in the chat
4. Turn on camera
5. For attendance, zoom name must be First and Last name (as it appears in HAC)
6. Check Schoology every day.
  - a. For attendance, you must hit "submit" on any Schoology assignment to receive credit and be marked as present.



### Hall & Restroom Passes

Three restroom passes will be issued every 9 weeks. Students are responsible for these passes. No passes will be issued during the first or last 10 minutes of instruction. Only one person will be allowed out of the room at a time.

You must have a hall pass in order to leave. Upon leaving, you will sign out on the class log and then sign back in upon returning. If you don't, you will be considered as skipping class and assigned an "out of designated area" (ODA) referral.



### Classroom Conduct & Electronic Discipline Plan

1. One verbal warning
2. One verbal warning and parent/guardian contact.
3. Teacher detention and parent/ guardian contact.
4. If the behavior persists past three chances, a referral to your house AP will be issued.

At times, there are issues that result in an immediate referral and your parent/guardian will be contacted at that time.

### Absent Work Guidelines

It is the student's responsibility to get their make-up work. Most course materials will be accessed through Schoology. Within the Schoology folders, I will share a "Week at a Glance" lesson plan. Students may use this lesson plan to determine what activities need to be completed for the days that were missed. Schoology also provides reminders of upcoming due dates. If work is not posted in Schoology, please see me after school or during down time in class to get make-up work.

### AHS Late Work Policy

On time:	full credit
1 day late:	max of 80
2 days late:	max of 60
3 days late:	max of 40
4 days late:	max of 20
5 days late:	0



### Grading Policy & Category Weights

60% of your total grade will come from summative assessments (exams, major projects, etc.)

40% of your total grade will come from formative assessments (daily work, homework, etc.)

\*Quizzes will be graded as a double formative \*

There is a ZERO TOLERANCE for cheating and plagiarism. Cheating and/or plagiarism will result in a zero on the assessment (whether summative or formative), and you WILL NOT be allowed to make it up.

### Important Links

- Zoom Link: <https://humbleisd.zoom.us/j/7800271582> Zoom Code: 780 027 1582
- Syllabus Acknowledgement Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Y-ERsCvnJk9K4VudBZPEeawuhfh34Jui6na1dLlCAjE/edit>
- How to Change Your Password: <https://bit.ly/2Pzsoct>
- How to Login to MyHumble: <https://bit.ly/2DmbKe7>
- Humble ISD Technology: <https://www.humbleisd.net/studentshelp>

