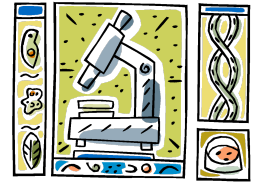




VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL



Course: Honors Biology **Semester:** Fall/Spring **Email:** reuben.garcia@sausdlearns.net

Teacher: Mr. Garcia **Classroom:** 7-10

Conference Period: 6 **School Telephone:** 714-241-6410 ext: 68710

Course Description:

Biology emphasizes five major topics: cells, ecology, genetics, evolution, and human physiology as covered in the Next Generation Science Standards. Experimental procedures, ecology, cellular energy, and evolution are covered in the first semester. Genetics, cells, human physiology, and Positive Prevention Plus instruction are taught in the second semester. Diverse learning activities are used in the classroom in order to develop a variety of skills. This course serves as a prerequisite for AP Biology.

Class Materials: All students need a folder/binder for their Biology work. All students need college -ruled paper, pencils, and pens. Other materials that can help the student be a successful and independent learner include: scissors, glue stick, ruler, eraser, colored pencils, highlighters, note cards, and post-it notes.

Evaluation & Grading:

Grades will be determined by the total amount of points earned. You may earn points in a variety of manners including completed homework, class work, projects, lab activities, lab reports, tests and quizzes. There may be opportunities for extra credit; but it is not designed to take the place of regular assignments.

Grades will be calculated as a percentage of the total points possible and your grade assigned as follows:

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| 90 - 100 % | A |
| 80 - 89 % | B |
| 70 - 79 % | C |
| 60 - 69 % | D |
| 59 % or less | F |



Academic Honesty: Students at Valley High School are expected to conform to the highest of ethical standards. Cheating or any behavior that appears to be helping during a test will not be tolerated. Plagiarism will cause an assignment to automatically receive a zero.

Homework Policy: Attendance at all class meetings is essential to the success of the student. Homework is due on the assigned date. Homework missed while absent for an excused reason will be accepted when the student returns to school. Any quizzes or tests missed must be made up as soon as they can be arranged with the teacher. Assignments missed for unexcused absences will receive a

lower grade. Labs may or may not be made up, alternative assignments may be arranged when make-ups are not possible.

Laboratory Safety: Students will be informed of all safety procedures. Failure to comply will result in loss of lab privileges. If misbehavior occurs during lab you will be warned once and if the behavior continues you will be removed from the activity. If your behavior endangers you or others or is deliberately insubordinate you will be referred directly to the assistant principal's office.

Class Rules

1. When the tardy bell rings, be in your assigned seat, quiet, and ready to work.
2. Be prepared with a pencil or pen, paper, and chromebook in class everyday.
3. Take care of restroom needs during the passing time.
4. Usage of cell phones and electronic devices are not allowed in classroom, unless instructed to use it in the classroom.
5. Eating, chewing gum, or drinking is not allowed during class time.
6. Always cooperate and respect the rights of others.

Progressive Discipline Procedures

- 1st Violation: Verbal Warning (Redirect)
- 2nd Violation: Teacher Conference and/or Seat Change
- 3rd Violation: Phone Call Home
- 4th Violation: Office Referral and Parent Conference

Rewards

1. Verbal and/or Written Praise
2. Given Extra Credit
3. Receive Token Awards
4. Receive Outstanding Citizenship

Classroom Websites

You may access the following classroom websites at the following addresses:

www.sausd.us/valley
classroom.google.com
Canvas website

You may use these websites to get the weekly schedule, modules, syllabus, powerpoints, lab directions, handouts, assignments, and additional science websites.

Tutoring: I will be available for additional help outside of class after school and by appointment.

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Parent/Student acknowledgement:

I have read and understand the contents of this document and agree to abide by the terms of the course as described by the teacher.

Student Name _____ Student ID Number _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

As a parent, I have discussed all of the issues carefully with my son/daughter and understand the classroom expectations. I expect to be notified if my son/daughter is not in compliance.

Parent Signature _____

Work or Cell phone _____ Home Phone _____

Special notes or messages for instructor from parent or student: