Course Description: This course is designed to provide students with exploration, labs, and real life applications in biological science. The content includes the following concepts: Science as a Process, Ecology, Cellular Structures and Processes, Heredity and Cell Reproduction, Evolution, and Human Health. You can find the curriculum map on canvas.


Supply List
- Paper towels -Tissues
- Germ-X
- 3 ring binder
- Notebook Paper
- Pens/pencils
- Colored pencils
- Head phones/Ear buds for labtops

School Grading Policy:
A=100-90
B=89-80
C=79-70
D=69-60
F=59-0

Your grade will be assessed in the following manner:

Diagnostic Assignments: 0% of overall grade
Diagnostic assignments allow the teacher to establish a baseline for student performance. These assignments are essentially risk-free, allowing the student to demonstrate their current level of understanding without the fear of negative academic consequences.

Formative Assignments: 40% of overall grade
Formative assignments are those which help the students work on proficiency in the subject area. Formative assignments are analogous to a “check-up” at the doctors. These include in-class assignments, homework, formative labs, projects, and formative quizzes.

Summative Assignments: 60% of overall grade
Summative assignments are those which determine the student’s mastery of the content. These are analogous to an “autopsy” of the student’s understanding of the topic. Summative assignments will include summative labs, projects, and summative tests.

Remediation: The Biology department policy on remediation is that all students will be required to complete a remediation activity on all District Assessments (DIA’s). Students will be given one class period for and explanation of the remediation activity in canvas after the first exam. For the next exam it needs to be done at lunch or at home. Students will receive partial credit for each remediation assignment they complete.

Late Submissions: A maximum of 70% will be received for late work. All late assignments for each unit will need to be completed by the unit exam. Any late assignments beyond the unit exam will not be accepted.

End of Course Exam: This exam will count as 30% of their final overall grade.
Students will have an end of course exam that will be taken during the month of May. This exam is cumulative; anything from the first day forward is fair game. Website helpful for end of course is Escambia County school website:
http://www.ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/EOCReviews

Grade Communication Policy: It is the students’ and parents’/guardians’ responsibility to check grades on gradebook through Vportal. You can also check daily attendance as well.

Canvas: Our class will use Canvas, which is analogous to a class web page. This will allow students to access most, if not all, class material anywhere you have internet access. In addition to class material, Canvas will provide the class with a forum for discussion, class calendar, online quizzes, and much more. As a class, we will sign up for Canvas during the 1st week of school. Students can access this through vportal which is found on www.myvolusiaschools.org.
Since Canvas is a district-sanctioned website, all posts are monitored and subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the classroom. If Canvas is not used responsibly and appropriately, you will be subject to disciplinary action and/or removal from Canvas. All work from class will be posted on the canvas calendar. If you are absent you can find all work here.

District Make-Up Work Policy: It’s important that you attend class every day. Students are required to make up work that was missed due to an absence. For each day a student is absent, he/she has the equal number of days plus one to make up missed work.

Extra Help: Additional class time will be offered Tuesday and Thursdays during lunch or by appointments to make up assessments or assignments due to an absences. Again all work is in canvas!

Class Rules:

There are a few rules that will ensure that the class is a positive, academic environment. You are expected to follow these rules at all times during the class period.

1. Respect all people and objects in the classroom.
2. Phones off laptops out
3. Obey all school rules.

Consequences

Step 1: Non-verbal warning
Step 2: Verbal warning
Step 3 Parent Contact
Step 4: Referral

Conduct Grades

1-On time, prepared, on task, follows directions.
2-Occasionally disruptive, frequently tardy, unprepared, off task, disrespectful, referral.

*A conduct grade of a 2 will keep you off of honor roll.
3-Consistently disruptive, excessively tardy, often disrespectful, frequently off task, referral.

Tardy Policy:

Students are allowed 3rd excused tardies.
On the 4th tardy, a referral will be issued for excessive tardies.

Cell Phone Policy:

Phones need to be put away. Your work is to be done using your computer or your textbook.
Computer/Educational Technologies/Internet Disclaimer

Volusia County Schools provides your student with access to Electronic Information Services (EIS) through the use of VCS computers and/or other educational technologies. The use of EIS is a privilege and not a right.

I also understand Deland High School’s Biology syllabus and will encourage and support this student to do the best job that they can. I am aware of the **end of course exam** and its relation to graduation. I will contact the teacher through email if I am concerned or have questions about student performance. Please send me a response with the following information so I can have the most current information.

By signing at the end of the syllabus you grant permission for your child to use the computer and internet access and you are aware of the Biology EOC.

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I have read and understand **DeLand High School’s Biology syllabus, and the class’s expectations.** I am willing to put forth my best effort and rise to this challenge. I understand that if at anytime I need help or do not understand something I will talk to my teachers immediately. Please respond to this Syllabus by filling in the information below and keep it as the first page of your notebook. For a grade you will take a picture of the signature and submit it to canvas.

Print Student Name__________________________________________________ period ___

Student Signature_____________________________________________________

Print Parent/Guardian Name ____________________________________________

Phone _________________________________ _______________________________