Biology

Mr. Spiegel

Philosophy: Science literacy is a national goal for all students. Students need to engage in “hands-on” activities which foster growth, intellectually and socially. These activities help students learn, think, and progress toward a successful career of their choice. Applying scientific content to new problems is an active way for students to engage in their own learning.

Objectives: The Biology learner will:

Use scientific inquiry to solve problems.

Understand the interaction and function of cells.

Gain an understanding of genetics, evolution and life itself.

Notebook: You should keep all of your graded papers in your notebook until grades are handed out. This way you can make sure no errors were made on your grade.

Absences: If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the work you missed. If you miss notes, you can ask to get them from me or another student. You will have two days for every absent day to get your make-up work turned in.

Make up Work: Students absent when work is assigned and the absence is excised will have 2 days for every day absent to complete the work. If the absence is unexcused no credit will be given but the assignment is still due.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be on Friday and will cover the material from that week.

Exams: Exams missed will be rescheduled with Mr. Spiegel. Should the student fail to appear at the scheduled makeup time, the situation will be treated as an unexcused absence.

Grading Procedures: The grading scale is on the bulletin board and in the student handbook. The student grade will be based on total points and consist of five parts:

Homework, Tests, Quizzes, Labs, and Projects.

Tardy: Any tardy to class, without an excused pass, you will serve a 30 minute detention before school. After the third tardy, your parents will also be contacted regarding your tardy.

Classroom Expectations:

1. Restroom and locker passes will be limited. You should take care of these necessities before you go to class.
2. There will be no rude comments made to anyone during this class period. We are here to learn not to disrupt others.
3. Absolutely no talking during tests or quizzes. If there is talking during tests or quizzes, it will be looked at it as cheating, and a zero will be given for that grade.
4. There will be no phones.
5. Students will be placed in a seating chart.
6. Students should not touch or handle anything in the science room that does not belong to them.
7. No food, candy, drinks, etc. are allowed in the classroom. Gum is allowed as long as it is not seen or heard.
8. Above all, respect your fellow classmates and teacher. This room will not tolerate learners being interrupted by disruptive behavior. Everyone is here to learn.