

Biology Course Syllabus 2008-09

Course Description: Biology is high school laboratory science course. The course is designed around the California Science Standards, with a focus on the EGUSD Power Standards. An emphasis is placed on lab work.

- Biology consists of an understanding the fundamental life processes of plants and animals, genetics, ecology, evolution, human physiology, and disease.

For an extensive list of course topics, please visit the EGUSD web site at www.egusd.net in the Standards folder under science.

Course Text:

Glencoe, Biology

Textbook work will be done in class and will be given as packets for homework.

Homework is mandatory and will focus on assignments using the text, current science news articles and programs, and independent study field trips. Students must do a minimum of 12 hours of homework per quarter.

Course Evaluation:

In class credit is earned for completion of work, with a passing grade. This includes class assignments, lab work, lab reports, activities, group work, tests and projects.

Course Expectations:

Students will be expected to:

- Respect school property, staff and other students.
- Be quiet and prepared to work as attendance is being taken, or be marked tardy.
- Observe safety precautions when using lab equipment, and engage in no unauthorized use of lab materials. If disregarded, participation in the current and further labs may be restricted.
- Be productive in class and allow other students to do the same.
- Receive teacher permission before using computers, the internet or printers.

Contact information:

Should you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me through e-mail at dmcgrego@egusd.net or leave a message at 689-7502, and I will get back to you.

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My grading program will allow me to email parents, on a regular basis, the student's grade and credit status. To get this set-up, please include your email address below.

Your signature indicates that you have read and understand the content of this course syllabus.

Student name (please print)

Parent name (please print)

Student signature

Parent signature

Student's class period

Parent's e-mail address

Please sign and return to Debbie for extra credit!