

Welcome to Mrs. Hannifin's Living Environment Class!!!

This course is a comprehensive survey of general biology that includes scientific inquiry, origins of life, ecology, organization and patterns of life, homeostasis, reproduction and development, genetics and biotechnology, evolution, and human impacts on the environment. In addition, there is a laboratory component to the course.

Some of the questions that will be explored in this course are:

- Why doesn't any one type of living organisms take over the world?
- How do organisms survive in a changing environment?
- Why do offspring look like their parents and yet different?

Contact:

Best method to contact me is through my email:

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* I send out classroom updates via parent portal messenger about every 2 weeks or so. Updates will generally include important dates of upcoming assignments and classroom news.

Supplies:

- a three ring binder with at least three dividers (notes, homework, classwork)
- 12 colored pencils
- pen and pencil

Textbook: We will be using an online text this year, accessible through www.clever.com.

Discipline Plan:

1. Verbal warning.
2. Phone conference with parent/guardian.
3. After school detention with teacher.
4. Administrative Referral.

Student Responsibility for a successful class year:

1. **Absences:** If you miss a class for whatever reason it is your responsibility to make up missed work. Assignments due the day of an absence will be due the day you return. Any test, quiz, lab or other activity missed due to a cut, will result in a grade of zero with no make-up possible.
2. **Punctuality:** It is essential that you arrive to class on time (be in class and seated before the bell rings).
3. **Extra help:** I will hold extra help after school and during period 9 by appointment. I will also hold review sessions for tests. Remember, it is up to you to attend extra help.
4. **Responsibility:** Be on time and come to class prepared with binder and pen/pencil. Be prepared to hand in homework.
5. **Classroom Rules:**
 - a. Above all else, we will all show respect for each other, the classroom, and the equipment.
 - b. Clean up after yourself.
 - c. No food or drink in the classroom at any time.
 - d. No cell phone, ipods etc. First offense only will receive a verbal warning afterwards the phone will be brought to the dean's office and parent will have to pick the phone up.

6. **Homework:** I assign homework to complement the material we are learning in class therefore it is essential that it be completed in a timely manner. Homework will be posted on the whiteboard in the classroom and will typically be due the day after it is assigned.
*** Homework must be turned in on time; one day late will receive half credit after that it will not be accepted.**

7. **Academic Dishonesty:** Academic dishonesty can take many forms; in general it is misconduct that includes any type of cheating that occurs in relation to a formal academic exercise i.e. tests, homework, quizzes etc. Academic dishonesty is cheating, including but not limited to, possessing unauthorized sources of information during examinations, copying the work of others, permitting others to copy your work, submitting work done by others, completing assignments for others, altering work after grading and subsequently submitting it for re-grading, submitting the same work for two or more classes without the permission of all instructors involved, or retaining materials that you have been instructed to return to your instructor.

Each student is responsible for their own work. Academic Dishonesty will result in a grade of zero, with no make-up possible and a phone call home. Second infraction will result in a grade of zero and after school detention. Third infraction or academic dishonesty on a major assessment such as a midterm exam will result in immediate administrative referral.

If you are caught using a cell phone during a test it will be presumed that you are cheating and will also result in a grade of zero.

Grading Policy:

1. Your quarterly grade will be calculated on a percentage system and will be comprised of:

a. Assessments: (Tests/Quizzes)- 50%

** You will be required to make up all missed tests/quizzes on the first day you return to school.

b. Labs- 30%

** **You must successfully complete 1200 minutes of lab time in order to be permitted to take the Regents** **

It is imperative that you are here, participate, complete, and hand in the labs ON TIME! Incomplete and missing labs will not be counted and late labs will be penalized. Make sure you are present for EVERY LAB!! If you miss a lab it is YOUR responsibility to make it up.

c. Student Skills: 20%

-includes homework, classwork, projects, and review book assignments

2. A mid-term exam will be given during mid-term week, and count towards the 2nd quarter grade.

3. Final grades will be calculated as 22% for each quarter, and 12% for the Regents Exam.

** Assignments are to be handed in on time. All late work will be penalized accordingly.

I have read and understand the necessary requirements for success in Mrs. Hannifin's Living Environment class.

_____ Period _____
Student Name (print)

_____ Date _____
Student Signature

_____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature