

Syllabus for Living Environment 2016-2017



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This year we will have a great time as we explore the living world around us! Our topics of study include:

- Scientific Method
- Cells and Microscopes
- Life Functions and Homeostasis
- Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Genetics
- Ecology
- Evolution
- Human Impact

Your report card grade will be determined by the following (subject to change):

- Participation 10% - coming to class prepared and ready to learn, appropriately participating in class discussions and activities
- Classwork and Homework 27%
- Labs 33%
- Tests and Quizzes 30%

Grading Policies for Homework and Classwork:

- Late assignments will lose credit for each day late.
- All homework assignments must be turned in within two weeks of the due date or receive a grade of "F" in my gradebook.
- All homework, classwork, and quizzes with scores below 80% may be corrected to earn back half credit (up to an 80%). Corrections must be *correct* and turned in within one week of being passed back. Some corrections may require additional work to show understanding.

Organization:

- I have provided a green folder to store the first two units (listed above). Roughly every two units will require a new folder that you will provide. If you wish, you may use your own method of organization.
- At the end of each unit, folders should be safely stored at home. These will be necessary to review for the Regents Exam at the end of the year.



"Looks aren't everything. It's what's inside you that really matters. A biology teacher told me that."