

Mrs. Wright
CP Biology
Syllabus
2025-2026

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Core Values:

Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
Citizenship/Responsibility

Creativity/Innovation
Communication

Collaboration

Text book: Pearson online @ Pearson Realize

Readings will be posted in sections on Google Classroom

Topics:

Introduction to Biology
Ecology
Chemistry/Biochemistry
Cell Membranes/Movement through Membranes
Cells
Photosynthesis
Cellular Respiration
Cell Reproduction
Genetics
DNA
Evolution
Anatomy and Physiology

Classroom: D118 * This is a Nut Free Classroom*** Please do not bring any foods containing nuts to this classroom**

Expectations:

- 1) Mutual Respect for myself and other students
- 2) No Cheating. Cheating is plagiarism, receiving or giving answers. All forms of cheating will result in a zero for the assignment, a call home and a write up to the administrator
- 3) Actively engage in class discussions. Ask questions.
- 4) No electronics in class. See below for electronics policy
- 5) No food or drink allowed in the classroom outside of designated snack time.
Only water allowed
- 6) Absolutely no food allowed at the lab benches ever for any reason
- 7) Safety goggles are worn at all times when chemicals are in use
- 8) Each student is expected to keep a notebook in class. We will work on notebooks during class time and notebooks may be stored in class. If a student does not have a separate 1 subject notebook, then one will be provided for you by the teacher.

Evaluations

- 1) Homework is assigned several times a week. Homework is always collected after two days. Late homework will be accepted for $\frac{1}{2}$ credit. Late homework is defined as any homework that is turned in after the start of class.
- 2) Quizzes and Tests will always be announced.
- 3) Labs are conducted in class and usually handed in on the day of lab. Lab groups are assigned by the teacher on the day of the lab. They can be completed for homework but will be due the next day. – If you miss a lab it must be made up within two weeks. Lab make-ups are the following, Monday after school, or by appointment. Labs must be made up within a week of having been missed to be made up.
- 4) Projects are assigned and completed during class time in groups.

Grading Policy – Total Points system

Tests 80-100 points

Quizzes 20-50 points

Labs 20-50 points

Projects – variable

Homework – 5-10 points per assignment

Class participation – expected

Grades: Work from the prior week will be graded and imputed by Sunday night. Students and Parents can view your grades online as they accumulate. I will always put missing assignments in power school as a **zero**. **This is a reminder to the student** to see the teacher to make up missing assignments, labs, homework, quizzes and tests, etc.

Absences: All work that was due on the day of an absence will be due the day you return to class. If you miss class the day of a test, you will be required to take the test on the day you return. If you miss class on a review day you may choose to take the test on the day you return, or the day immediately following.

Electronics Policy: Cell Phones will be stored in assigned pockets on the side of the room. Students who routinely do not adhere to this policy will have a phone call home to parents. Ear buds and headphones may not be worn during class and must be removed before the bell rings. Chrome books are tools that will be used at times during class. They may be accessed when working on an assignment but not during instruction unless permission has been given.

Extra Help: Extra help is every Monday after school as well as Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment. I am also available every morning in D110 from 7:00-7:30 am

Academic Integrity and AI Policy

VIOLATIONS OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

All students' academic work must reflect their own honest efforts. Cheating and plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to copying homework, papers, lab reports, quiz or test answers; acquiring or disseminating quizzes or tests before they are administered; or using information from the Internet or other outside sources without proper attribution.

Any student known to have cheated will be subjected to penalties, up to receiving "0" for the work. Possible penalties will be made known to each class by the teacher and will be included in the course syllabus.

Students who collaborate with others in cheating by allowing their papers to be copied or by other means will be subjected to penalties commensurate with their involvement, which may include the student receiving "0" for the work or suffering significant grade reduction.

While AI has been a fixture in modern life for many years, it has recently become imperative that the high school set expectations and parameters for its use. While traditional forms of AI can be used in a positive manner to increase efficiency, the aim of this new policy is to limit and control the use of generative AI. Generative AI, such as ChatGPT, is able to produce content (written, audio, visual) which bypasses the creative functions of its users. Similar to the school's policy on plagiarism, students at WRHS are responsible for submitting their own work, displaying their own understanding, knowledge and creativity. Like with plagiarism, teachers will be monitoring the use of AI within their classroom and student work. **It is the responsibility of the student to prove that AI was not used** by showing the evolution of their work through outlines, drafts, editing, proper citations, etc. If the student admits to using AI or cannot sufficiently defend the authenticity of their work, the consequence will be the same as plagiarism.

In all cases, the principal or the class administrator along with the department head and teacher will be informed about both the incident and the penalty imposed, and the parent/guardian will be notified. The administration reserves the right to impose other penalties up to and including removal from the course, removal from honor societies, and loss of eligibility for scholarships with "honor" as criteria.

Please sign and return by the end of the first week of school, August 30, 2024

I have read and understood the syllabus. I will adhere to the policies described above.

Student Name_____

Student Signature_____

Parent Signature_____