



Southside High School

Biology 1

Syllabus 2025 - 2026

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Instructor(s)' Schedule:

	FALL Semester	SPRING Semester
1st Block- 8:45-10:15 AM	Biology 1CP	Integrated Science
2nd Block- 10:20-11:50 AM	Integrated Science	Integrated Science
3rd Block- 11:55 - 2:10 PM	PLANNING	Integrated Science
4th Block- 2:15- 3:45 PM	Integrated Science	PLANNING

COURSE DESCRIPTION: In Biology, the students will study the major themes in biology. Our students will become more aware of the biological issues which will make them productive and knowledgeable citizens. Together we can make this an exciting and successful year. This is an EOC class and the final exam will count 20% of the grade for this course.

TEXTBOOK(S): Discovery Education Techbook (electronic)

INSTRUCTIONAL PHILOSOPHY: The Science Department of Southside High School believes that every student should become a life-long learner. We will follow South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards at every level to plan and implement lessons designed to improve the skills listed in the South Carolina Education Standards in a logical, systematic, and sequential manner. A variety of teaching and assessment strategies are used to address multiple learning styles. We adhere to the district grading guidelines and to its scope and sequence recommendations in order to help each student realize his or her potential as a learner.

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS:

1. Be on time & Be prepared - have your materials everyday.
2. Take risks & try new things.
3. Ask for help.
4. Respect each other.

UPDATED CELL PHONE POLICY:

Per the Greenville County Schools Board of Directors

"Based on input provided from schools across the District, including ours, Greenville County Schools has updated the [Administrative Rule JCDA](#) with the goal of creating a more consistent practice regarding the use of personal electronic devices during the school day. Beginning January 4, 2024, personal electronic devices cannot be used by high school students in classrooms during the instructional day. All personal devices must remain out of sight of others during this time. Students may use personal electronic devices during class changes, lunch, and other times outside of the classroom during the instructional day unless directed differently by the principal or principal's designee. The instructional day for high schools has been defined as 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The instructional school day for other special centers shall be determined by the location administrator in accordance with the instructional activities of that facility. Students not adhering to this policy could face disciplinary action in accordance with [Board Policy JCDA](#)."

In summation, Cell Phones AND Headphones will not be permitted in class. Cell phones AND headphones need to be put AWAY in bags during instructional time. To assist students in adhering to this policy, students will be expected to place their cell phone in the provided lock box DAILY. Students who refuse will receive an automatic referral for refusal.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- A BINDER
- A writing utensil
- CHARGED chromebook

ASSESSMENT & GRADING POLICY: Students are encouraged to conference with the instructor at a mutually agreed upon time so they can discuss their academic strengths and needs. Assessments will be formative (evaluating academic needs) and summative (evaluating academic progress).

Major: 60% - this includes tests, labs, and projects

Minor: 40% - this includes, but is not limited to, independent work, group work, class participation, practice assignments, and quizzes

This course is an EOCEP Course. The S.C. State Department of Education mandates that an EOC exam counts as 20% of the yearly grade.

LATE WORK POLICY:

To better serve our student's educational needs and provide consistency across the school, Southside High School will adhere to the following late work policy. **This is a SCHOOLWIDE POLICY. EVERY TEACHER WILL BE FOLLOWING THIS POLICY.**

- **Classwork completed in class will not be accepted after the fact except in the case of absences. Participation and engagement is the expectation of all learners. Missing work due to refusal to complete work will remain a 0. If you are having difficulty completing work or participating in the classroom, please speak with your teacher.**

	Minor Grades	Major Grades	Tests	Mastery/Corrections
CP & Honors	Accepted until the major/summative assessment at the end of the unit, and are subject to a penalty of 10 points.	Accepted within 5 school days of the due date, and subject to a 10 points deduction if not missed for an excused absence.	Made up for full credit with an excused absence within 5 days.	Accepted until the end of the quarter

COURSE OUTLINE//Pacing/Scope and Sequence: Instruction will follow the outline below. Additional details and assignments will be accessible in weekly lesson plans.

1st/3rd Quarter

Unit One: Structure & Processes pt 1 (Macromolecules & Cell Cycle)

Major Assessment(s) - 1 project, 1 test

Unit Two: Structure & Processes pt 2 (photosynthesis & cellular respiration)

Major Assessment(s) - 1 test

Unit Three: Ecosystems

Major Assessment(s) - 1 test

2nd/4th Quarter

Unit Four: DNA & Heredity pt 1 (DNA, RNA, and Proteins)

Major Assessment(s) - 1 test

Unit Five: DNA & Heredity pt 2 (Genetics)

Major Assessment(s) - 1 simulation & 1 test

Unit Six: Biological Evolution

Major Assessment(s) - 1 test

TUTORING AVAILABILITY:

- Academic Overtime - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 4:00 - 5:00pm
 - You will be signed up through Mr. Means

ATTENDANCE/TARDINESS POLICY:

- You are allowed 5 absences per district policy before you run the risk of losing credit.
- TARDIES:
 - 1st tardy: warning
 - 2nd tardy: call home
 - 3rd tardy: warning referral
 - 4th tardy: Referral & ISS

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

There will be zero-tolerance to any form of cheating in this class and will automatically get 0 on the output/work. You will hurt no one but yourself in the long run if you cheat. There is no shortcut to high grades and success. But if you TRY and WORK hard, you will achieve and grow better.