

MRS. LIZZA'S LIFE SCIENCE /BIOLOGY CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

This year-long Biology course, designed using the New Visions for Public Schools curriculum, offers students a comprehensive exploration of life science concepts with a focus on inquiry-based learning and real-world applications. Students will engage in the study of cellular biology, genetics, evolution, ecology, and human body systems while making connections to environmental issues, public health, and biotechnology.

The course is structured around guiding questions and phenomena that encourage critical thinking and the development of scientific skills. Students will frequently engage in hands-on laboratory work, collaborative discussions, and the use of models to explore biological processes. Key emphasis is placed on data analysis, developing scientific explanations, and constructing evidence-based arguments.

Here are the rules you are expected to follow in your Living Environment class. Please place this sheet in your notebook and refer to it if you have any questions later in the term.

CLASSROOM:

1. All students are to be in class on time:
 - 3 unexcused latenesses = 1 detention
 - 1 unexcused absence (missing 20 minutes or more of class) = 1 detention
2. Each student must have their notebook, science folder, **CHARGED** chromebook, blue/black pen and pencil each day in class.
3. Headphones/ earbuds and a highlighter are strongly recommended.
4. Food and drink is not permitted in the science classroom due to safety issues.



CHROMEBOOKS:

Chromebooks must be **CHARGED** and brought to class everyday. A “zero” will be given for all assignments not completed due to missing or uncharged chromebooks.

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES:

Headphones/ earbuds and a highlighter



Participation: (15% of quarter grade)

1. Includes Do Nows, Exit Tickets, HWs and other classwork
2. Homework will be assigned on a regular basis and can be found on the front wall and on Google Classroom.
3. The following heading should be placed on all homework assignments:

FULL NAME
PERIOD #

DATE

4. All homework assignments are due the day after they are given unless otherwise instructed. They should be placed in the appropriate bin for your class.
5. All answers must be in complete sentences in blue/black ink and refer back to the question.
6. If you are legally absent you must make up the missed homework(s) the very next day.
7. Late homework assignments will lose 10 points per day late and will not be accepted once that graded homework assignment is returned to the class and or reviewed with the class.

CHEATING:

1. Any student caught cheating (giving answers, taking answers, plagiarizing, “working together” ...) will be given a zero for that assignment. This includes Googling answers and using artificial intelligence to create answers.
NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!

LABS: 20% of the quarter grade

1. 1200 acceptable lab minutes must be recorded before a student may take the regents exam.
2. Labs will be graded based on lab reports, techniques, and participation.
3. A failure to complete a cumulative 70% of lab reports will result in a failing grade for the quarter.
4. Students must complete the 3 required NYS Labs. Failure to do so will result in the student being ineligible to sit for the Regent exam.

TESTS (55%) and QUIZZES (10%): (total 65%of the quarter grade)

1. Tests will be announced in advance
2. Quizzes may be announced or unannounced
3. Makeup tests and quizzes will only be given for excused absences only. Any other missed assessments will be given a zero.
4. Field trips, musical lessons, in school activities, etc... are not legal excuses to miss an exam or quiz. Students must make prior arrangements to complete their assessments at an earlier time. Failure to do so will result in a grade of zero for that assignment. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**

MIDTERM:

A cumulative midterm may be given to all Living Environment students at the end of the first semester.

LESSONS/FIELD TRIPS/SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS:

Students must notify the teacher before class that they plan to attend any lesson,field trip, or school appointment. This would enable the student to pick up any essential work that they might miss. If a test, quiz, or lab activity is planned for that period the student is NOT allowed to miss the class. If the student does not verify with the teacher it is okay to miss class they will receive a zero for all assignments missed.

CELL PHONES:

All district wide cell phone policies will be followed in class

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MY LIVING ENVIRONMENT CLASS

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Print Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature