



Outdoor Biology

Academic & Discipline Plan

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Office Hours	<u>8:45-9:10</u> student help time unless I have to set up a lab/lesson. <u>3:45-4:15</u> unless I have mandatory teacher meetings.	Phone	907 523 1502 Email is better

Course Description:

Outdoor Biology, an overview of **wildlife, fishing, hunting and subsistence** topics and skills.

Special considerations:

Students will go on unannounced walking field trips.

Students will be working with wood carving knives and other hand woodworking tools. These tools are capable of causing serious injury. Not following directions, misbehavior or horseplay will be cause for removal from the class.

This course involves some field trips to locations around the community after school hours. For example, students will need to spend an evening at ADF&G's indoor rifle range with certified instructors.

Students may participate in a "first steps" rifle course/activity, which is somewhat similar to "hunter education" in the middle school. The course will be coached/taught by certified rifle instructors.

Student safety is paramount. For field trips into the community students who have amassed numerous discipline infractions and/or safety infractions in the class or at Juneau-Douglas High School may be offered an alternate assignment and restricted from attendance off-site.

This class may go outside in any and all weather. Students need to be dressed in such a way that they can be comfortable outside for an hour and a half regardless of weather.

Text(s):

None

Materials to Bring to Class:

Outdoor clothing

Students will be asked to bring in a number of different materials for projects throughout the course. Be prepared to support your child in quests for things like rope, wood, fasteners etc. If this presents a financial hardship let me know and we will find ways to provide materials.

Curriculum / Standards:

This course will be taught to district standards and district curriculum. The Juneau School District curricular information may be reviewed using the Juneau School District website under the *District – Teaching and Learning Support – Curriculum* at <http://www.juneauschools.org>. The NEW Alaska State Standards can be found on the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development website: <http://www.eed.state.ak.us/standards/>.

Grading:

Grading will follow the policy adopted by the Juneau School District Board of Education (Board Policy # 6146.7 R). As per board policy, semester grades represent the cumulative progress of students.

A = 90% - 100%
B = 80% - 89%
C = 70% - 79%
D = 60% - 69%
F = 0% - 60%
“INC” = Incomplete

The following weights shall be used to earn a grade:

Tests: 30%

Homework/Assignments/Projects: 70%

Percentages may change drastically depending on weather factors, guest speaker availability and any other number of issues.

Extra Credit: Extra Credit can take many forms. Students may submit a one page extra credit proposal. The proposal needs to contain a detailed description of what they intend to do, how they will do it and what resources they will be using. At this point the teacher will be able to give the student an idea of how much extra credit they might expect to receive upon completion of the project.

PowerSchool is the system used to display grades and work progress. I am committed to updating student records approximately once a week at a minimum, recognizing the importance

of a live-time feedback system for parents and students. Please ensure that you AND your student have access information to use this system in partnership with me.

Late/Make-up Work Policy and Procedures:

Late homework will not be accepted. There will be one day allowed to make up missed work for every day the student was absent in the event that the absence was considered excused by the administration. It is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher the day he/she returns to school for make-up work. In a dynamic lab based class it is not always possible or reasonable to predict what work will be done by the class in advance. Therefore work will generally NOT be assigned in advance of the absence. Any labs or lessons involving materials setup or guest speakers can not be made up. Alternative assignments may be provided upon request.

Resources/Extra Help:

Students are encouraged to talk to me or visit the learning center for help.

I will make every effort to respond to e-mail or phone messages within one school day. I will do my best to make students aware of my daily schedule and to provide extra assistance when needed (see office hours above). Students and parents are encouraged to make appointments ahead of time. Students may also receive extra help through the **JDHS Learning Center** located in the school library.

Behavioral Expectations:

1. Attend class
2. Be on time! To avoid disruption of class the door will be closed when the bell rings. Students late for any reason will be required to wait at the door until I let them in. Any student entering class after the bell rings without a valid hall pass is considered tardy. Any tardies results in a detention. Failure to serve this detention will result in a double detention and/or administrative action.
3. Be respectful of everyone and treat them well. Be respectful of all equipment and property especially including what does not belong to you.
4. Try to remember that school really is a privilege, and that while you are here you might as well benefit from it through learning.
5. Since Biology is considered a lab class, food and drink are not allowed in the classroom, unless expressly permitted by me during a specific class day.
6. Supplies and equipment may not be used/taken out of drawers without teacher permission.

Please note: Students are expected to adhere to JDHS policies, as outlined in the Student Handbook, at all times. Classroom policies may include more specific requirements, but they cannot be relaxed beyond the minimums as set forth in the Student Handbook.

Consequences of Misbehavior:

One verbal warning.

Instant removal from the room if the student interferes with another student's learning.

Matter is forwarded to an administrator.

Student will be removed instantly without warning if they conduct themselves in an unsafe manner. Matter is forwarded to the administrator.

Please note: Any action that endangers others, seriously interferes with the learning process, or is significantly disrespectful to staff or students may result in immediate removal from the classroom and/or direct referral to an administrator, thus by-passing above consequences.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY— (From the JDHS Student Handbook):

Academic dishonesty or “cheating” does not allow for any type of true analysis and is not tolerated. Cheating includes, but is not limited to

1. Procuring, possessing, using, or distributing tests, quizzes, answer keys, teacher manuals, teacher textbooks and similar materials;
2. Any attempt to tamper with or alter a teacher's record or grades;
3. Representing the work of others as one's own work, whether the materials are plagiarized from another student, a published work or some other source, such as an Internet site.
4. Making use of notes or other memory aids during testing, except for those notes a teacher specifically authorizes for student use during a particular test or quiz, and;
5. Obtaining or offering unauthorized information regarding tests or assignments.

The *academic penalty* for all parties involved in cheating is a zero or failing grade for any copied or plagiarized assignment, exam, or quiz. Students will not be allowed to make-up the work. Also, the *disciplinary penalty* for cheating may include an office referral for disciplinary action. Possession and/or unauthorized distribution of testing materials or altering a teacher's records call for severe disciplinary consequences. **Repeat offenses could result in loss of credit for an entire course.**

Electronic Devices:

Cell phones, iPods, CD players, and other electronic devices are to be turned off and out of sight during class unless the teacher has given specific permission for their use. If an item is confiscated for violation of class rules, it may be retrieved from the teacher on the first offense. For subsequent offenses, the item will be turned over to an administrator for retrieval.

PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH ACADEMIC/DISCIPLINE PLAN REQUIRES A SIGNATURE TO BE RETURNED TO EACH TEACHER. SIGNATURES ARE BEING COLLECTED WITH A GOOGLE FORM. A PAPER SIGNATURE FORM CAN BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.

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Outdoor Biology Student Signature form [HERE](#)