

**Biology Syllabus**  
**Mrs. Sieminski 2017-2018**

**Class Rules:**

**Be Responsible**

1. Be on time - Arrive to class on time (After your 3<sup>rd</sup> tardy you will earn tardy detentions) and turn in assignments when they are due (See late work policy below).
2. Take ownership for your actions – be honest.
3. Take care of yourself physically, mentally, emotionally.
4. Ask for what you need.
5. Know where you stand academically – check Power School regularly.
6. Resolve conflict with maturity.

**Be Respectful**

1. Treat others as you wish to be treated (golden rule).
2. Use appropriate language.
3. Respect personal space, property, school grounds.
4. Apologize when you make a mistake.
5. Use manners – please/thank you.

**Be a Graduate**

1. Meet/exceed graduation requirements.
2. Comprehend the bigger picture in the world – and your role in it.
3. Be academically prepared to get to the next phase of your life.
4. Value the education of others as a way to better educate yourself – be a lifelong learner.
5. Be a Capital High Ambassador.

**Late work** – Late work is half credit, exceptions to be made at Mrs. Sieminski's discretion if there is an extenuating circumstance. It is your responsibility to talk to me and get your late work if you are absent.

**Grades:**

Biology grades are based on a percentage of total points possible. Student achievement will be based on, but not limited to class participation, laboratory work, notebooks, portfolios, written and oral tests, and written and oral communication skills. Lab, quiz, assignment, and test points are all equal in weight.

Grades are assigned as follows:

A = 90% and above    B = 80-89%    C = 70-79%    D = 60-69%    F = Below 60%

**Semester Grade:**    First quarter: 40%                      Second quarter: 40%                      Semester test: 20%

**Time line: (approximate)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quarter:**

Intro to Biology  
Ecology  
Chemistry of Life

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter:**

Cells  
Genetics

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

Evolution  
Bacteria and Viruses  
Protists and Fungi

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

Animals  
Plants