

COURSE REQUIREMENT - SYLLABUS AND CLASSROOM GUIDELINES for MR. WIGGER'S BIOLOGY
CLASS - GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher: Mr. Wigger **Course:** Biology 1 & 2
Department: Science **Text:** Prentice-Hall - Biology

I. COURSE PHILOSOPHY:

This course will help you appreciate the vast amount of science and technology that we use in our lives. You will see the connection of all the sciences and use practical applications of these scientific ideas.

2. INTERNET

You must have access to the internet to properly operate in Mr. Wigger's class. If you do not have the internet at home, you will have to plan to come early, work through snack, and/or stay after class to use classroom computers here. The following important items will be on the internet: (1) homework - posted daily; (2) labs – posted before labs and after the labs, sample data and answers to all questions will be available; (3) some of my lecture notes; (4) quiz-test reviews; (5) tutorials on difficult subjects; (6) standard forms and important content sheets; (7) Calif. State Standards & cross references.

3. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN CLASS:

Class conduct can be summed up as **respect, truth, honesty, trust and responsibility**. You are expected to respect one another, school property, and the teacher. You are responsible for your education, which includes asking questions, listening, studying, being on time and seeking help when necessary. **CONSEQUENCES:** Progressive discipline will be used unless the situation requires an immediate referral to the appropriate administrator. The steps are (1) **reminding** the student of acceptable behavior (this may include a seating change), (2) For each offense having to write 200 sentences such as: "I will enjoy being cooperative in class every day"; (3) **phone call** home or to parent's work, (4) **detention**, (5) **referral** to appropriate administrator which includes a conference with the parent, student and administrator, and (6) **don't ask** because none of my students have ever gone this far (actually it rarely gets past number two because you all are young adults).

4. GRADING POLICY:

You earn your grade. It is dependent on your overall points, which includes tests, quizzes, homework, classwork, lab reports, lab work, group work, projects and the final. Daily work is expected, otherwise you will fall behind quickly! It is your responsibility to do the classwork, group work, lab work, homework and readings. Tests & quizzes count for 50%, classwork/homework/notebook count for 40%, and labs count for 10% of the total grade.

STANDARD GRADING SCALE: A-90%-100% B-80%-89% C- 70%-79 D-60%-69% F -59 & below

5. CLASSWORK:

There will be lecture and note taking, demonstrations, lab work, group work and projects. You should be focused on the work assigned and on task all the time. Use blue or black ink, and the correct heading shown in class.. Do all your work daily.

6. HOMEWORK:

Homework is to be done every night. You need to review your notes and outlines every night, especially when no other work is assigned. Homework should be ready to be turned in at the beginning of class. You will do well at school when you are practicing at home what you are learning in class. Homework can be a reading assignment, completing independent practice started in class, learning vocabulary words, writing a lab report or studying for a quiz or test. You will be more successful if you prepare every day!

7. GROUP WORK:

You need to participate and focus on the work assigned for the group.

8. LAB WORK:

In Chemistry we have two types of lab – formal and informal. For informal labs you simply complete the lab and fill in information on the lab sheet. For formal labs, you will be given a format that must be followed for a complete write-up. There is also a handout for lab safety guidelines.

9. STUDY-BUDIES:

It is expected that everyone will have 1-3 study-buddies. Get their phone numbers and have regular meetings to discuss this course. It is expected that you will **review on your own and with your study-buddies daily**,

10. TESTS, QUIZZES and FINAL:

Missing tests, quizzes and especially the final will lower your grade: you get zero for each test, quiz or final you do not make-up. For any exam you must have a #2 pencil and a calculator. There is no talking during exams. Exams may be multiple choice, short answer or essay. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN CALCULATOR FOR TESTS. NO**

SHARING!!!! CALCULATORS MUST HAVE x/y or y/x , AND log FUNCTION CAPABILITY. You have two days to make up any exam that you miss due to an excused absence.

11. ATTENDANCE:

Daily attendance to class is expected. If you have an all day excused absence or an excused absence to a class, then make sure your parents call the school to clear your absence at:

9th 1-818-409-0155 10th 1-818-247-6068 11th 1-818-409-1742 12th 1-818-247-6067

Tardiness will carry the consequence of progressive discipline: Tardies 1 warning, tardy 2 and after you lose 10 points per incident and receive **200 sentences to write**. If you have 5 or more tardies you are assured of a U in cooperation on your report card.

12. MAKING-UP ASSIGNMENTS:

Assignments can only be made up if the absence is excused. Get to know someone in class, so if you are absent, you can find out what was covered before you return. Also, you can get everything from the web at:

www.balloonwrap.com/bio. Assignments will be posted there daily. It is your responsibility to find out what you have missed due to an **excused absence**. Assignments must be made up within **one week** of the absence or you will receive a zero on the assignment. Please **don't bother to ask** to make-up work **after a truancy**.

13. EXTRA CREDIT: WILL BE VERY RARE!!!

14. TUTORING:

If you are having difficulty understand Chemistry, it is your responsibility to get tutoring when the teacher is available.

15. CHEATING

CHEATING IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE. I do not expect anyone to cheat. However, if you do choose to cheat, you will receive a double zero on that assignment, detention, a referral, a phone call home and notation in your permanent record with this school (also known as your cum folder).

IN ORDER TO ENFORCE TRUTHFULNESS/HONESTY IN TESTING, IF THE TEACHER SUSPECTS YOUR GRADE ON A TEST IS HIGHER THAN IT SHOULD BE FOR YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT (BASED ON YOUR RESPONSES DURING CLASS PRIOR TO THE TEST), YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO A PRIVATE ORAL EXAM WITH THE TEACHER TO VERIFY YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT MATTER TESTED.

16. TEACHER AVAILABILITY: I am available during break, before and after school. I will also have "announced-in-advance" tutoring sessions for those that would like additional help.

17. NOTEBOOK: You will be required to have a notebook. "Glendale High School Chemistry" is a standards based course. You will need 14 dividers with tabs. TABS will be in the following order and labeled as follows:

Stamp, Req., S. Total Whiteboard Config. Journal Entries (Daily Closure) Miscellaneous STANDARDS 1. Cell Bio 2. Genetics - Mutation & Sex 3. Genetics - zygote

4. Genetics - genes 5. Genetics - DNA 6. Ecology 7. Evolution - allele 8. Evolution - environ. 9. Physiology - homeostasis 10. Physiology - immunity
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After setting up the notebook with dividers, cut and paste the California State Standards to each divider:

Standard 1 to the tab labeled "1. Atomic & Mol Str", Standard 2 to the tab labeled "2. Bonds", and so on until you get to Standard 11. The only tabs that are numbered at the standards tabs. Tab NUMBERING corresponds to the California State Standards. You must cut and paste the standards onto the dividers for each standard.

Name: _____
Period: _____

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(5 point assignment)

We have read:

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A complete copy of this document is to be posted in the first section of your notebook which is labeled as "**Stamp, Req., S. Total.**"

Student Signature Print Student's Name **neatly** Date

Parent/Guardian Signature Date