COURSE DESCRIPTION:
An introductory course which investigates the various principles of biology. Emphasis will be on energy flow, biochemistry, cellular biology, and genetics along with some human genetics, human reproduction, evolution, and ecology to include a study of the bike path area near the school.
This is a California Standards Based class. To review the state standards visit their web site at:
http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
* To develop an understanding and appreciation for the science of life.
* To develop laboratory skills through use of standard laboratory equipment.
* To apply the biological concepts learned in the course to the world around, or at least to the “bike path world”.
* To understand the importance of classroom participation.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:
Lecture: Examination material will be taken from topics covered in lecture and from your textbook chapters. A schedule of lectures, homework, and exam dates for each chapter will be available prior to the beginning of the chapter. Audiovisual materials and guest speakers will be presented to emphasize certain subject matter.
Visit Ms. Brammer’s web page at: ljhs.sandi.net

* Students are expected to keep a lecture notebook in Cornell note style as part of class credit.

Laboratories: These are designed to supplement the lecture. Generally, each chapter will have a minimum of two corresponding lab activity.

MATERIALS:
Text: Biology, An Ecological Approach, by BSCS (this may be left at home).
Supplies: A spiral notebook (specifically for this class), paper, and pen or pencil.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:
* Students are expected to attend class daily.
* Assigned work is due on the designated day given. Late labs will be accepted one day late for 90% credit.
In case of an absence, the assigned work is due on the day of your return. If you are absent, it is YOUR responsibility to check the assignment calendar. NO LATE HOMEWORK is accepted!
If you are on campus you are obligated to turn in any assignment due for that day. See chapter calendars.
* Tests not taken on the assigned day must be made up in class following your return. There is a penalty for habitual absences on test day – see test avoidance in student handbook.
* Quizzes not taken on the assigned day must be made up on the day of your return or a Zero will result.
If you are on campus you are obligated to take the test or a zero will result.
* At no time is any electronic communication device (ECD), allowed to be in use during class time, especially during quizzes and or exams, or a zero will result.
Note: Any person, including a pupil using an electronic listening or recording device in any classroom without prior consent of the teacher, and parents of classroom students is prohibited. Ed. Code: 51512
* Pop Quizzes may NOT be made up for any reason– attendance is critical!
* Lab reports/activities and /or homework are due at the beginning of the period unless noted otherwise. If you are absent on a lab day, you must make it up the day of your return before school or at lunch only if absence is excused or a zero will result. If you are on campus you are obligated to turn in the assignment or a zero will result. There is no penalty for turning in assignments early.
Note: If you are going to be absent due to a school sponsored event you have prior permission from the teacher to participate. You MUST take the test early, and turn the assignment in before you leave campus, or it will not be accepted for credit! (SDUSD Procedure # 4585).
* Students may not be able to complete all missed assignments (e.g., “class participation” assignments can not be made up such as some pre-lab discussions, laboratory assignments, and simulations, etc.)
* Class Participation is an integral part of students’ learning experiences, one of the course objectives is students must attend class to participate. This is not a correspondence course. LESSON(S) WILL NOT BE RETAUGHT DUE TO STUDENT ABSENCE(S) OR TARDINESS. See my web page.
Hall Passes: Appropriate passes will be issued, but must be made up that same day after school or a TARDY will RESULT.

Grading Policy: Quizzes, labs, and homework are graded on a point system. A student’s total points are divided by the total points possible in the course and converted to a percentage.

**GRADING SCALE**

- A .......... 90 - 100%
- B .......... 80 - 89%
- C .......... 70 - 79%
- D .......... 55 - 69%
- F ........... < 54%

Tardiness/Late(excused): Be in your seat with the required materials when the bell rings. Excessive tardiness will lower your citizenship and can eventually your academic grade!

This applies for the entire semester.

- First tardy → conference with student - no penalty
- Second tardy → parent contact - no penalty
- Third tardy → lower citizenship one grade
- Fourth tardy → lower citizenship one grade – referral to counselor
- Fifth tardy → “U” in citizenship
- Seventh tardy → referral to Vice Principal with suspension

*NOTE: Late (excused) will affect your citizenship grade.

Unexcused Absences/Truancies/Late(excused): Any truancy will result in a zero for the work/exams assigned for that particular day(s), and an automatic "U" in citizenship.

*Seniors: if you wish to “walk” at Graduation Ceremony DO NOT HAVE UNVERIFIED ABSENCES(A), TRUANCIES(Z) or TARDINESS(T) or LATE EXCUSED(L)!

Attendance: Class attendance is critical. Part of the student’s grade is based on daily class participation that each student earns. Class participation and attendance are tied together; therefore, class participation cannot be made up. Class participation credit averages to 0.6% for each day of the semester. Absences can negatively impact your semester grade. Students may not be able to complete all missed assignments (e.g., “class participation”, pre-lab discussions, laboratory assignments, post-lab discussions, simulations, and group activities, etc.)

I am UNABLE to sign CIS Contracts (Independent Study Contracts); SDUSD Procedure # 4316. “Excessive absences” (no matter the reason) in a semester can result in a “NC” (no credit); SDUSD Administrative Procedure # 4705. See chapter calendars.

Code of Conduct: Students are subject to charges of misconduct concerning, but not limited to, the following:

* Academic cheating on assignments and exams – an immediate zero and “U”
* Physical or verbal disruption of instructional activity
* Disorderly, lewd, indecent or obscene conduct
* Eating or drinking in the classroom except for water
* Wearing of hats in the classroom
* Wearing of hats and/or clothing that advertise obscenities, alcohol or drugs
* Gum chewing
* NO LEANING IN STOOLS or YOU MUST STAND – This is a SAFETY ISSUE!!

STUDENT SIGNATURE: ____________________________   DATE: ______________

PARENT SIGNATURE: ____________________________   DATE: ______________

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