



Biology 309/310

Crystal Lake South High School
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Student Handbook: www.d155.org/Documents/studenthandbook.pdf

Grading:

Final grades will be calculated based on the following formula:

Summative Assessment (Unit Tests)	55%
Performance (quizzes, formal labs, projects)	40%
Participation (homework, note checks, informal labs)	5%

Copying and plagiarism will result in zero credit. Letter grades will be based on the district-wide scale

Classroom Expectations:

Students are expected to follow all policies, procedures, and consequences outlined in the *Crystal Lake South Student Handbook*. Failure to meet any of the classroom expectations will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

- Students will be respectful to other students, themselves, and their teacher at all times.
- Students will arrive to class and be seated when the bell rings. Running into class after the bell or while the bell is ringing will result in a tardy.
- Students will behave in a safe manner when working in the laboratory.
- Students will complete their own work (no copying another student's work).
- Students will not disrupt the learning environment for other students or for themselves.
- Students will keep all food and drinks in their backpacks when in the classroom.
- Students will focus on biology-related schoolwork while in biology class.

Late Work:

All assignments are due at the **beginning** of class (assignments turned in during the middle of class or at the end of class will be considered late); late work will be accepted **one day** late for no more than 50% of the maximum score. (Assignments being turned in for a retake will receive no late credit).

Missed Class/Make Up Policy:

If you miss class for any reason it is **your** responsibility to determine what you missed when you return to class. Labs and assignments that were due while you missed class are due the day you return. It is your responsibility to pick up any handouts that you missed while gone as well as getting any notes from your lab partner. Missed tests and quizzes must be made up the day you return unless other arrangements have been made due to an extended absence. Missed work for a field trip or family vacations must be completed and turned in **before** missing class.

Test Recovery Policy:

At the conclusion of each unit, students will have the opportunity for test recovery. This test recovery plan serves as an opportunity to both master the content of the unit and raise the test grade. Test recovery will be available for all tests except the last unit test of each semester and the final exams. The final unit test grade will be based on an average of the original test grade and the recovery points. Recovery points will be earned through a variety of assessment opportunities depending on the given unit; they will not be earned from simply retaking the original test.

You will receive the final test score grade even if it is lower than your original test grade

Required Materials:

You will be required to have a biology specific binder, which you should bring everyday to class with you. All handouts, labs, notes, study guides, quizzes and tests should be kept in your binders for the entire semester. Binders may be graded periodically throughout the semester.

Required Materials for Class:

- 1.5" binder
- Composition Notebook
- Writing utensils

Laboratory:

Most labs will be done with partners, but write-ups must be done individually. Evidence of copying will result in zeroes and disciplinary action for all parties involved. Your laboratory grade will consist of both lab reports and lab quizzes, depending on the experiment. **There are no retakes for lab quizzes.**

Extra Help:

It is recommended that your exchange contact information with your lab partner(s). Ms. Schmidly is available for additional help before and after school in the faculty office by appointment. Suggested textbook readings are listed on the Unit Overview handouts.

******Syllabus is subject to change at the teacher's discretion; notification of change will be brought to student's attention prior to implementation.***