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| **Biology Syllabus**  **Mrs. Winchester**  **Hluke.weebly.com**  **hwinchester@ririe252.org** |

COURSE INFORMATION: This course fulfills one credit of science required to graduate. We will explore various topics regarding life and the world that we live.

TEXBOOK & MATERIALS: Each student will be required to bring their assigned book to class. Students are required to pay for any damaged or lost book. In addition, students are responsible to have their own class supplies. This includes (but not limited to) notebook, pen/pencil, colored pencils/markers, scissors and glue.

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

* + Cell phones are not allowed in the classroom
  + No CD/MP3 players & gaming devices allowed in the classroom
  + No leaving the class during class time (this includes restroom breaks, trips to the locker, etc). Only time you are permitted to leave is when the office calls for you.
  + Exiting the class – The teacher dismisses the class (not the bell). Floors and desks must be clean before anyone is permitted to leave.

COURSE POLICIES

* Bell Ringers
  + Bell ringers are a thought provoking question, review of previous lesson, or an introduction to the upcoming lesson.
  + When the bell rings, the student must be working on the bell ringer. Write the date & answer to the question. Keep all bell ringers on the same page until they are due (every Friday).
* Class participation
  + Each student is responsible to participate in the activities assigned. This includes, but not limited to, group projects, presentations, class activities, etc.
* Missed exams/assignments
  + Students are responsible to make up work/exams due to an absence. The student is responsible to obtain missing work before or after school (not during class time).
* Tardy Policy
  + You must be inside the classroom & seated in your assigned seat when the bell rings. The tardy policy will go as follows:
    - 1st tardy - warning
    - 2 tardies - detention with the teacher before or after school (15 min.)
    - 3 tardies - 60 minutes detention
    - 4 tardies - 120 minutes detention and parent contact
    - 5 tardies - One day ISS
    - 6 tardies - Three days OSS
    - 7 tardies - Referral to the Board
* Academic Integrity
  + Each student is expected to do his/her own work. In order to eliminate any confusion about what academic dishonesty includes, the following definitions will apply in health class:
  + Knowingly providing your work/answers to another student for them to copy as their own.
  + Knowingly copying another student’s work/answers and submitting them as your own.
  + Using illicit or banned materials during a test/quiz situation.
  + Knowingly submitting work completed by another student as your own.
  + Plagiarizing anything from books, magazines, the Internet or any other source already published.
  + Students will receive a **zero** on any assignment/project/test where cheating has occurred and will receive a referral.

GRADING POLICY

Students may access their grades online on Infinite Campus. The point system will be used and is distributed evenly, without weights for tests, homework, etc.

Assignments turned in late will be worth 0% of the total possible points. Late work IS NOT accepted. If you are absent, you will have until the next class day to turn in the missing work.

*Grading scale:*

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| A+ | 97-100 | C+ | 77-79 | F | 59 and Below |
| A | 93-96 | C | 73-76 |
| A- | 90-92 | C- | 70-72 |
| B+ | 87-89 | D+ | 67-69 |
| B | 83-86 | D | 63-66 |
| B- | 80-82 | D- | 60-62 |

COURSE OUTLINE

**Biology A**. This course will introduce students to:

Nature of Biology: Characteristics of life, Scientific Method

Biochemistry: Atoms, Water, Macromolecules, Enzymes

Cells: Structure, Function, Growth and Reproduction in cells.

**Biology B:**

This course will introduce students to:

Genetics, Evolution, Taxonomy, Plant/Animal Macrostructure and Ecology.