

# Mrs. Ross's Biology Class Expectations



Dear Parents and Students,

I am excited you will be in my class this semester. Biology can be a fun class, but you must follow all of the guidelines to learn and be successful. Effort is the #1 key to success. If you try, you will succeed. If you're confused, you must ask questions. Success takes action and you must act every minute you are in class. Nothing less than 100% effort is expected at all times. Communication is also an important component to your success. If you are having trouble, see me ASAP – don't wait! Getting behind is not an option. If you come into class with a positive attitude and a hard work ethic you will do very well!

## **Materials required everyday in biology class:**

Pencil or pen, Paper, colored pencils and scissors

3-ring binder, at least 1 ½ inch, with 5 dividers

**TEXTBOOK**

## **Classroom rules:**

- **Be on time** and in your seat when the bell rings
- **Be polite**, kind and courteous at all times
- **No inappropriate language**
- **No food or drink in classroom**
- **Treat everyone with respect**
- **Don't touch anything until instructed**

**Grading:** Your Biology grade will be composed of homework, laboratory papers, tests, quizzes and class participation. Grades are updated regularly on parent portal. Please check once or twice a week to make sure that your son/daughter does not fall behind.

**Tests, quizzes and formal lab papers = 75%**  
**Homework, classroom assignments and participation = 25%**

**Grading Scale:**

13.5 pts = 100% = A+	10 pts = 89-88% = B+	7 pts = 79-78% = C+	4 pts = 69-68% = D+
13 pts = 99- 98% = A+	9.5 pts = 87-85% = B	6.5 pts = 77-75% = C	3.5 pts = 67-68% = D
12.5 pts = 97-95% = A	9 pts = 94-92% = B	6 pts = 74-72% = C	3 pts = 64-62% = D
12 pts = 94-92% = A	8 pts = 81-80% = B-	5 pts = 71-70% = C-	2 pts = 61-60% = D-
			1.5 pts = 59-58% = F
			1 pt = 57-55% = F

**Homework:**

Homework is assigned to prepare for or reinforce a topic to be discussed in class. It doesn't have value if it is handed in long after the completion of that subject. Therefore, late homework will only be accepted on an individual basis

**Tests:**

All students are offered test corrections to reexamine material that may need more clarification. A student receives ½ point for each wrong test answer he/she is able to correct. This is encouraged for every test, even if the student receives an A on the test.

**Individual help:**

Students who need extra help need to see me to make an appointment. Every Wednesday after school Warren Mott High School offers a tutoring program in the library. I encourage all students to attend this weekly for all of their subjects.

**Contact Information:**

Email: [dross@wskids.net](mailto:dross@wskids.net)  
Phone: 586- 574-3250 ex 330

**I have read the class rules for Mrs. Ross's Biology class and agree to abide by them. I will do my assignments and come for help if needed.**

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hour** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**I am the parent or guardian of above student. I have read the rules and expectations for Biology. If I have any questions I will contact Mrs. Ross by phone or email. I will also check on my son/daughters grades regularly on parent portal.**

**Parent/Guardian signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please email me with any concerns at [Dross@wskids.net](mailto:Dross@wskids.net) , please write any current health issues I need to be aware of here:**