

# CP Biology Syllabus

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ABOUT BIOLOGY AND THE LIVING EARTH:

Biology is the study of living organisms. The major concepts that will be covered in this course include cell biology, genetics, ecology, evolution, photosynthesis, physiology, and the scientific process. It is aligned with the Biology Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and satisfies one year of the high school graduation requirement for science. It also fulfills one year of the University of California laboratory science section of the subject "A-G" requirements for admission. Any biology labs and simulations students will perform during the year as part of this course will require high level critical thinking skills, active problem solving, cooperative work, and independent learning.

## COURSE MATERIALS

Class text: *Experience Biology the Living Earth* - by Miller & Levine, can be checked out from the library. Students should not write in textbooks.

I will be using Google Classroom for announcements, course materials and other important resources. You must use your student email when accessing the Google Classroom. Students will be required to print out materials and resources from the class website. **Students will be expected to bring their district-issued Chromebook to campus daily and fully charged. Students are permitted to bring their charger to class.**

Students must come to class prepared and ready to learn. Students are encouraged to have the following materials for this course:

- College-ruled lined paper
- 1/2 - inch three ring binder or folder
- No. 2 pencil & pencil sharpener/lead
- Black or blue ink pen
- Colored pencils
- Materials/ resources found in Google Classroom

## ASSIGNMENTS AND ATTENDANCE:

During class students participate in content discussions, collaborative activities, perform laboratory investigations, and are presented with a large volume of information in order to comprehend the complexities of the living world. Students with poor attendance will find it difficult to keep up with the pace of the course.

All assignments are due at the beginning of class on the posted deadline. Typically, homework will be due the day after it is assigned unless otherwise stated. Unless prior accommodations and arrangements have been made with me, **late assignments may be turned in for a maximum of 50% credit. Late assignments must be turned in before the 6 week grading period.**

- The number of days of the absence will determine how many days you have to make up the work. (Ex: 2 days absent = 2 days to complete work).
- Attendance will be taken every day. In order to be marked present, make sure to be in your seat **BEFORE** the tardy bell.
- If you are absent on a day scheduled as a review day for an exam AND that exam occurs the next day AND you are in attendance on exam day, you will be required to take the exam. If you are absent the day of a quiz or exam, then you are required to make up the exam.
- If you are absent the day of the exam it is **your responsibility** to schedule a make-up exam. Make-ups must be taken the day you return.

## GRADING POLICY

Grades can be accessed online via the student and/or parent Aeries Portal. Aeries Portal access can be obtained from the office. Overall grades will be weighted as follows:

<b>Assessments – Summative (e.g. chapter exams, semester finals)</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Assessments – Formative (e.g. lesson quizzes)</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Laboratory (e.g. laboratory activities, laboratory write-ups)</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Assignments (e.g. classwork, homework, etc.)</b>	<b>15%</b>

## GRADING SCALE

A+	98-100	B+	88-89.99	C+	78-79.99	D+	68-69.99	F	Below 60%
A	93-97.99	B	83-87.99	C	73-77.99	D	63-67.99		
A-	90-92.99	B-	80-82.99	C-	70-72.99	D-	60-62.99		

- All students begin each semester with a “*Satisfactory*” mark in citizenship and work habits. Students must show the characteristics of an “*Outstanding*” to earn that mark. Students whose cell phones are confiscated or who are tardy three times in a semester will automatically receive a “*Needs Improvement*” mark for their citizenship grade. Students whose cell phones are confiscated or who are tardy five times or more in a semester will automatically receive an “*Unsatisfactory*” mark for their citizenship grade. Students with one missing assignment will automatically receive a “*Needs Improvement*” mark for their work habits grade. Students with more than one missing assignment will automatically receive an “*Unsatisfactory*” mark for their work habits grade.

## CLASS POLICIES, RULES, AND EXPECTATIONS

Students will be expected to follow school and classroom policies at all times.

- **Respect:** Students must show respect to all living and nonliving things in the classroom. This includes but is not limited to the instructor, their classmates, the classroom, classroom materials, and lab specimen.
- **Safety:** Safety is a key part of successful classroom and laboratory behavior. Please follow all safety rules and procedures. Students participating in unsafe behavior will be removed from class activities and may face further disciplinary actions.
- **Language:** Use appropriate language when speaking to the instructor and classmates. No cursing and no verbal harassment.
- **Dress Code:** The CVUSD dress code policy will be enforced at all times. This includes the school policy for hats and hoods. Students are expected to be wearing close-toed shoes for laboratory sessions.
- **Integrity:** NO CHEATING. It is considered cheating when copying another students’ work, turning in someone else’s work as your own, or allowing another student to copy your work. Cheating will result in an automatic zero for the assignment and a referral.
- **Electronics:** You are to only be using personal electronics with the approval of your teacher. You are NOT to be playing games, using social media, listening to music, texting, and using other apps. Failure to comply will result in further consequences.
- **Food:** This is a laboratory classroom. Food will NOT be permitted in the classroom.
- **Restroom:** Only one person can use the restroom at a time. Student must sign out and use a pass. Students are not permitted to be gone from the classroom for more than 8 minutes.

## VIOLATION OF POLICIES

Students will be expected to act in accordance with school and classroom rules. If violations of the above policies occur, the following actions will generally be taken:

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| ● Verbal warning   | ● Referral  |
| ● Notification to parents/ guardians                       | ● Meeting with parents, assistant principal, counselors |
| ● Loss of participation points/ lowering citizenship grade | ● Suspension  |