**9th Grade Biology**

Mrs. Mortensen

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**Course Description:**

This course has eight main focuses: Ecology, Macromolecules, Cells, Genetics, DNA, Protein Synthesis, Evolution and Body Systems.

**Materials:**

Notebook/Binder (to be used only for this class

Assignments and Notes

Lined Paper

Pencil and/or Pen

**Assignments and Homework:**

Assignments should be brought to class when they are due. Students who leave assignments in their lockers will not be allowed to go to their locker to bring it to class. Assignments are considered late if they are not turned in when called for.

All homework and in class assignments will be posted on the class website, which is updated daily. Group collaboration on homework and in class assignments is highly encouraged, but copying or cheating will not be tolerated.

**Late Work, Make-Up Work, and Test Corrections:**

All assignments and handouts will be posted on the class website daily. Students who miss class will be expected to check the website and print off any missed assignments or handouts. Make-up work done for an excused absence can be turned in for full credit within one week of the absence. Any assignment turned in late may be docked up to 50%.

Students who do poorly on a test (below 75%) are given the option to correct their test and improve their score, up to a 75%.

In compliance with the Disabilities Act, students needing special accommodations may contact the instructor for alternate arrangements for in-class assignments and labs, homework, quizzes and tests.

**Grading Policy:**

Students grades are based in content mastery. 90% of their letter grade will be determined by their ability to demonstrate understanding of content. This will be done with various assessment types, such as quizzes, tests, projects, experiments and oral assessments. 10% of their grade is participation based. This includes turning in assignments on time, participation in discussions, etc.

Letter grades will be assigned according to the following scale:

A = 94 – 100

A- = 90 - 93

B+ = 87 – 89

B = 83 – 86

B- = 80 – 82

C+ = 77 – 79

C = 73 – 76

C- = 70 – 72

D+ = 67 – 69

D = 63 – 66

D- = 60 – 62

F = Below 60

**Expectations and Guidelines:** As a science class that will be utilizing lab work often, safety is priority in our classroom. Students are expected to obey all safety rules during labs. Horseplay, carelessness, rowdiness or silliness will not be tolerated. Students whose behavior pose a safety concern during a lab will not be allowed to participate in the lab and will be given a replacement assignment.

Students are expected to come to class on time, and be prepared when they come into the classroom.

Students who fail to do so may lose participation points and may not be allowed to go back to their locker to get materials or assignments.

Respect is a necessary component of a safe and functional learning environment. Students are expected to respect:

1. Their Peers *This means no bullying, teasing, or unkindness will be tolerated.*
2. Their Teacher  *This means students will not be talking when Mrs. Mortensen is talking and will follow directions the first time the are given.*
3. Their School  *This means that class materials will be used only as instructed and with care and caution.*

**Tardy Policy:**

I follow the school-wide tardy policy. Any student late to class must obtain a note from the office to come back to class.

**I agree to the policies discussed in this disclosure document.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***\*Parents please make sure emails and phone numbers listed in Skyward are correct.***