

Biology - Level I

Course Information

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Textbook: Biology, Miller & Levine, © 2006

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Major Topics of Instruction:

Scientific Method, Biological Principals, Chemistry, Cell Biology, Genetics, Evolution, Anatomy & Physiology, and Ecology

Method of Determining Grade:

Grades are determined using the assignment weights below. All biology classes at SBRHS use this weighted grading system. Within each category, assignments will be given a point value (unique to this class) based on their length, complexity, involvement, and importance.

Category	Weight
Tests & Quizzes	45%
Classwork, Projects, and Science Fair	30%
Labs	15%
Homework	10%

General Point Values:

Tests (100-200 points): Tests are given at the end of chapters or units. They consist of a mixture of multiple-choice, true/false, and short answer questions.

Quizzes (25-100 points): Quizzes are given to ensure that students are keeping up with their homework and classwork. Quizzes are usually short, and can be announced or unannounced.

Labs (25-100 points): Lab protocols are taken from the text or alternate sources. Labs are designed to allow the students to apply their knowledge of the subject matter.

Classwork (10-100 points): Both individual and group assignments

Homework (10-50 points): Homework is meant to reinforce what is taught in class.

A **Mid-Year Exam** (300 Points) and **Final Exam** (400 Points) will be given at the end of Terms 2 and 4. Due to time constraints, both tests will consist entirely of multiple-choice questions.

Notes:

All notes, PowerPoint presentations, handouts, laboratories, etc. will be placed on my website. Students are expected to print their own notes prior to the beginning of a new chapter/unit.

Science Fair Projects:

All Biology I students are required to complete a science fair project. In order to prepare for the school's science fair, students should begin their projects as soon as possible. A list of due dates will be provided with the point value of each assignment.

Extra Credit:

Extra Credit is not offered for this class. Please keep up with the assigned work!