

# **Biology - Level II**

## **Course Information**

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Textbook: **Biology: The Dynamics of Life**, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Company, © 2002

### **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.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Weight</b>
<b>Tests &amp; Quizzes</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Classwork &amp; Projects</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Labs</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Homework</b>	<b>10%</b>

### **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.

### **Extra Credit:**

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