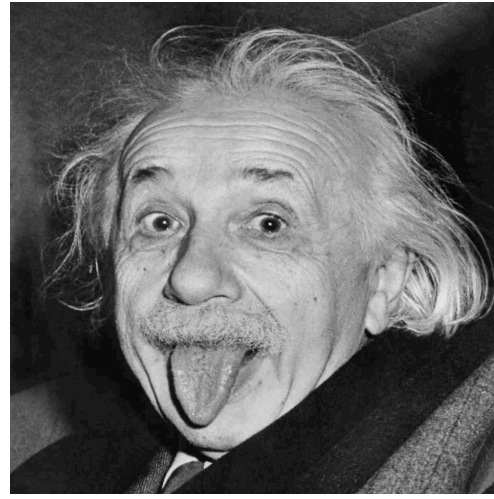


AP Biology Syllabus

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Welcome! I am pleased to welcome you and your parents to AP Biology here at Eleanor Roosevelt High School! AP Biology offers many rewards and many challenges. So, if you love biology or if you just love a challenge, this is the class for you. Welcome to the family ☺

Course Description: AP biology is all about depth, understanding and application. We will take everything you learned in 9th grade biology and go into the details. You must then be able to take what you have learned and apply it to different situations to show you truly understand. The focus of the class will be on four big ideas; Evolution, Energy, Information (genetics) and Systems. The class will include oral work, cooperative group work, written work, projects, laboratory exercises, web based activities/assignments, quizzes and tests.



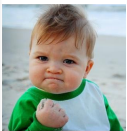
Required Daily Materials



Science Notebook:
All work except homework goes in here!* 100 pg count



3 Ring Binder with 5 dividers and paper:
To keep daily log, tests & homework organized



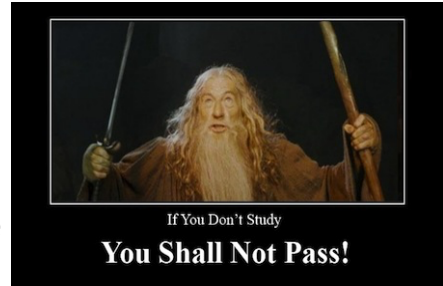
Positive attitude and strong work ethic: Two necessities that are essential to pass this class.



Smart Phone or Tablet: Phones and tablets will be helpful in-class and at home tools for completing assignments and increasing knowledge and understanding

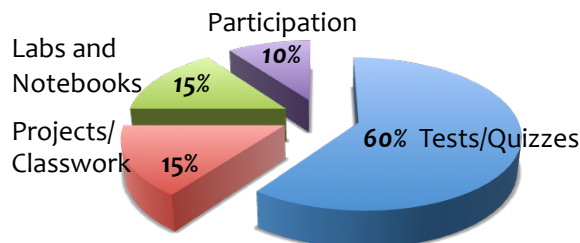
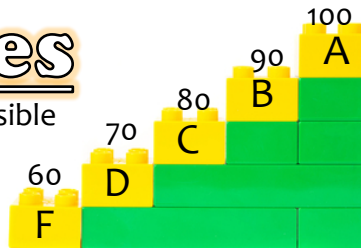
Class expectations:

- RESPECT-Students will be courteous to the teacher, other students and to themselves.
- Students will do their best to complete **ALL** class work, keep up with all assignments, **including computer based assignments**, and **study** for tests and quizzes.
- Students will attend class daily, on time, with all materials to complete the work. The school tardy policy will be strictly enforced
- Assigned readings and refresher videos will be watched before the start of the next class
- RESPONSIBILITY- I will do everything I can to help you pass this class and the AP test. In the end though, it all comes down to YOU!



Grades

Grades are accessible 24/7 via internet through the Q grading system.



Cell Phone Policy:

Cell phones/tablets/Ipods are invaluable tools in this class! Cell phones will be out and used during class time, but for instructional purposes only. Students using cellphones and other electronic devices for personal use will be subject to classroom consequences.



Homework Policy

Homework will be assigned everyday. The only exception may be on the night after a test. Reading will be light and videos will be short.



Late Work Policy

I expect work to be done on time! However, I know life can get busy and this is only one of six classes being taken. Students may turn in 3 late assignments per quarter with 5% per day penalty for one week. All other late work drops to 50% and must be turned in by the end of the quarter. Zeros are not an option!



Technology Policy

This class is a 21st Century classroom that relies heavily on the use of technology. Students and parents can keep track of our classroom

activities on our class website. The website contains a daily agenda, homework, handouts/worksheets, notes, and other important class information.

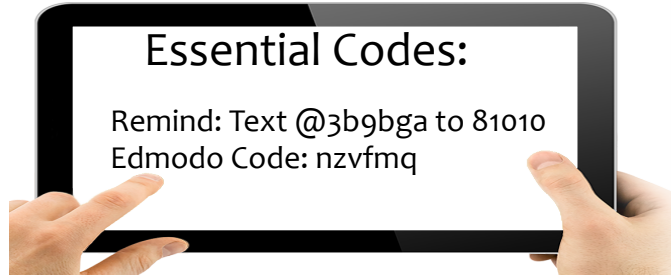
*The website is used daily and all students should have access to it. The web address is:

www.palmaspage.weebly.com

Additionally, students be expected to use technology such as Edmodo, QR codes, Google Docs, Prezi, Popplet, NearPod, Padlet, EdPuzzle, YouTube, Quizlet and much, much more.



Scan the QR code above for instant access to the class website



Teacher Contact information:

Digital Business Card




Cheating

Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to; plagiarism from published docs, unoriginal work aka copying your peers written work, using phones on the test and sharing answers for the test.

The consequence is a zero, with no make-ups.

Absences

In order to understand the material, it is important you do not miss a single class. I know that can be difficult, but for some units, one day could be a whole chapter covered. Additionally, absences on test days and project due dates will result in a loss of points off of the test or project. Of course, valid reasons for missing will be accepted.



Apps to Download

Please download the following free apps



QR Reader

QR Codes will be found on projects, homework, in class assignments and much more. This app will be needed to complete those assignments.



The **edmodo** app will be used with the edmodo website to turn in projects, complete assignments, watch videos and communicate with teachers and peers.



PicCollage

This app will help students create visual representations of their thoughts, questions and answers.



Nearpod

This tool will allow students fully engage in lectures.

Success Policy! Each and every student has what it takes to pass this class. Additionally, the grade they receive should reflect their effort, abilities and understanding. To ensure this, students who receive grades lower than a 79% C on tests will be required to attend a tutoring session/intervention about the topic and/or retake the test. This will help students build understanding that will help them on future topics and get them back on track so they do not fall behind. Projects are also expected to demonstrate high effort and may be subject to resubmission.

1) Please complete the following checklist in order

Technology to do list (please check tasks once they are completed):

- Created a student account at www.edmodo.com by using the following group code **nzvfmq** (*parent account optional)
- Worked together to complete the “Parent and Student Information Survey” by clicking on the survey link posted in your edmodo account (it should be one of the first posts to your account)
- Downloaded the following free apps: QR reader, Edmodo, PicCollage, EdPuzzle, Nearpod (if you do not have a smartphone or tablet check anyway)
- Watched the YouTube video on how to complete my personal collage by clicking on the link posted in my edmodo account **or** by going to the class website and clicking on the AP Biology “Refresher Lessons” tab

2) PLEASE READ AND SIGN BELOW AND RETURN

I have read the syllabus and completed the parent and student information survey online, as well as the other items on the technology to do list. I understand my responsibilities and that technology will play a large role in my success in this class. I understand that this class will be fast paced, and that I must read, watch videos and study in order to be successful and pass the AP test. I also understand and support that the district rules, policies, classroom discipline and strategies will be strictly observed.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date