

Mrs. Mumm

Biology Fall 2018

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Course Background and Objectives:

- This is a full year course. Students are required to pass both semesters in order to attain credit for this course.
- Course curriculum is created using the newly formed National Next Generation Science Standards.
- AT the end of the 1st Semester we will have covered:
 - Ecology
 - Evolution
 - Cells and their Organelles
 - Cell Transport
 - Cell Division

Course Disclaimer:

Mrs. Mumm does not curve, bump, adjust/edit any student's course grades. Students will receive the grade they work for.

Classroom Rules & Expectations:

There are only three rules within this classroom:

1. **NO CELL PHONES** → This is a school policy, CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN CLASS!
2. **NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE CLASSROOM** (Water is an exception)
3. **RESPECT**

All students are expected to:

- 1- Respect all adults (their directions, guidance, and requests).
- 2- Respect all peers.
- 3- Respect their personal opportunity to be successful.
- 4- Respect all materials in the classroom.

Students who are not able to be respectful at any time may be:

**The following is not necessarily a sequential list of consequences. In given circumstances, certain student behaviors will call for individualized consequences and sequences.*

- Given a verbal warning.
- Sent to their own table within the classroom.
- Sent to the Office / Principal's Office and given a referral.

Hall Passes:

Students will have 5 hall passes a semester to use in my class. Once you have used the 5 passes you will no longer be able to leave class. If you have any extra hall passes at the end of the semester you will receive extra credit for each extra pass.

Materials Needed:

- Pen/Pencil → NO RED PENS, if you use red, I will not grade your assignment and you will have to redo!
- A spiral notebook → For interactive notebook
- Highlighters
- Calculator

Crook County Policies within the Classroom:

All CCHS policies and non-negotiables will be followed within this classroom.

Course Grading Scale:

A's	B's	C's	D's	F (Failing Grade)
90.0% and above = A	89.9-80.0% = B	79.9%- 70.0%= C	69.9%-60.0% = D	59.9% and below

Task Weighting:

In this class, certain tasks are worth more than others are. This means you will have to genuinely work to learn and understand the content, as completing simple worksheets will not significantly change your grade. We will use the 90-10 policy → 90% assessments and 10% classwork/homework/INB

- Classwork/Homework/Interactive Notebooks= 10% of the student's overall course grade.
- Exams/Quizzes/Labs = 90% of the student's overall course grade.

Task Policies:

Mrs. Mumm does accept LATE WORK. If an assignment is turned in "late" it will receive 10% deduction for each day it is late. An assignment is considered late if it is not turned into Mrs. Mumm upon the assigned due date. Having and excused absence however, is not considered being "late". Examples (but not all):

- The sign outside the classroom says to turn in homework. You do not turn it in, Mrs. Mumm collects it, and 20min into class you say you "forgot". The assignment is now late.
- You fall asleep during class. Mrs. Mumm announces and walks around to collect an assignment, she cannot get it from you. After you wake up you try to turn in the work. The assignment is now late.
- You say that it is at home / in someone's car / in someone's locker / in someone's backpack / etc. Therefore you cannot turn the assignment in right now. The assignment is now late.

Classwork: (Any assignment handed out and completed within class.)

- Classwork is graded only on effort, rather than accuracy.
- All classwork answers and questions will be discussed within class for students to correct their answers, and clarify misunderstandings.

Homework: (Any assignment handed out in class, but completed outside of class.)

- Homework is mostly graded on effort. However, on each assignment 1-2 random questions will be graded on accuracy.
- All homework answers and questions will be discussed within class for students to correct their answers, and clarify misunderstandings.

Exams/ Quizzes:

- Exams and quizzes will be CLOSED note. This means that students will not be allowed to use notes/handouts/etc. during their exams. Occasionally students will get to use notecards.
- Retakes will be offered for each assessment taken, giving students the chance to show proficiency or mastery of material covered. Students will need to complete an **Assessment Retake Form** PRIOR to retaking any assessments. If the retake form is not turned in student will NOT be allowed to retake the assessment, until the form is received.
- When retaking an assessment, the higher of the scores will be kept in the gradebook.

Interactive Notebooks (INB's): (Notebooks that include interactive methods: drawings, labeling, labs, and questions created by students)

- INB's will be graded at the end of every two weeks.
- Graded on completion: including of drawings, colors, tape-ins, summaries and diagrams.

How Will Students Learn The Content?

- Students will engage in inquiry based lab activities to explore and apply content.
- Students will summative notes on content learned. Notes may help students study, review, and ask questions.
- Students will look at diagrams, draw pictures, and watch tutorials / animations to better visualize processes.
- Students will receive practice and application of the content via classwork and homework assignments, in class oral reviews, and written reviews.
- Students may email Mrs. Mumm, come in during ELO time or come in before school if they have any questions/concerns that they need cleared up.

A copy of the syllabus can be found on my website for you to have access to.

Syllabus Contract
Course: Biology Fall 2018
Teacher: Mrs. Mumm

Student's Full Name (Printed): _____

As the student I have read the entire syllabus for this course, and fully understand all of the expectations, policies, and possible consequences. I also understand completely that none of my grades/assignments will ever be curved/edited within this classroom. This means that if I need / want to pass the class I must achieve at 60.0%, and not a fraction lower.

Student's Signature: _____

Parent's Full Name (Printed): _____

As the parent I have read the entire syllabus for this course, and fully understand all of the expectations, policies, and possible consequences. I also understand completely that none of my student's grades/assignments will ever be curved/edited within this classroom. This means that if my student needs / wants to pass the class, they must achieve a 60.0%, and not a fraction lower.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

As the parent I would also like you to email me with updates / concerns about my student.

My email is: _____

Notes to Parent/Guardian:

- Mrs. Mumm will also update grades in TeacherVue (previously Schoolmaster) every 24hours, and will email parents of struggling students every 10-15 school days.
- Mrs. Mumm will update grades on the wall each Monday, the grades will be posted with student ID number to ensure confidentiality.
- Mrs. Mumm also uses remind 101. A program that will send out text message notifications to students about important dates and assignments.
- If the above updates and modes of communication do not suffice please contact Mrs. Mumm via email as needed. 😊