

## Welcome to Tiger Biology

### WELCOME!

The primary objective of the course is to provide students with a fundamental understanding of modern biology and scientific processes. Biology is the study of living organisms, their origins, how they survive, reproduce, change over time, and interact with each other and their environments. LIFE!

Students will be ultimately responsible for their learning; therefore, they should be organized, prepared, and motivated to learn every day. Extra study time at home will be required in order to master all course material.

This is an **End of Course (EOC) class and required for graduation**. Students are ultimately responsible for their success; therefore, you should be organized, prepared, and motivated to LEARN. #learnerforlife

### CORE VALUES

#### Mighty Tigers Are:

- Respectful (language, behaviors)
- Open Minded (appreciate diversity, believe the impossible)
- Achievers (set goals, challenge yourself)
- Responsible (digital citizenship, monitor self)

### FORMAT OF COURSE

Classes will consist of online course work (reading, videos, discussions etc.), lectures, lab and class activities.

### REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Laptop- **fully charged!**
  - Access to Schoology and Microsoft Office 365
- Composition Notebook
  - Science Notebook**- students will be required to keep an organized composition notebook. Classwork, whether it's an activity, experiment, illustration, notes, or journaling will be kept in the notebook.
- Pencils & Pens
- Kleenex, hand soap and hand sanitizer are always needed and appreciated!
- If you don't feel comfortable sharing supplies, please bring your own.
  - Glue sticks
  - Markers
  - Colored pencils

### ATTENDANCE

Attendance in my class is **extremely** important! Good attendance and good grades go hand in hand!

### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Science department expectations for academic integrity will follow EPISD policy as stated in EIA Local policy manual.

In order to best support student safety and academic growth, course expectations are subject to change. The course instructor reserves the right to modify policies.

A student who receives a failing grade (CH) due to academic dishonesty shall not be allowed to redo assignments or retake a test. At the discretion of the teacher, a discipline referral may be issued.

Actions constituting academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to; submitting others work as your own, copying work from another student, plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, inappropriate use of technology, falsifying documents, and allowing others to violate the academic integrity policy. Students have the responsibility to submit coursework that is the result of their own thought, research, or self-expression.

**School and district policy is to be followed at all times. This policy can be found in the student handbook.**

### GRADING POLICY

You have **one** opportunity to redo grades below 70%. You have **five school days** (from grade being posted) to redo the test or assignment. The average of attempts is what gets recorded.

If you do not turn in the assignment you will automatically receive a zero. Then you have five days to turn in your work and the above policy will be followed.

Course work will carry the following weights:

40%	Mastery	Exams *certain Labs
40%	Understanding	Labs, Science Notebook, Projects and Presentations
20%	Engagement	Classwork and Discussions

**\*\*\*YOU HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR GRADES VIA STUDENT PORTAL. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK YOUR GRADES REGULARLY!\*\*\***

### MAKE-UP WORK

It is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher through e-mail or remind for any missing or make-up work.

### TECHNOLOGY HELP

Students and parents call Technology Services Help Desk: 915-230-2601. If you still can't get through, please let me know and I can put in a "ticket" for help.

### HALL PASS

In order to use hall pass student must have their school ID card. No student should be out of class for more than 5 minutes.

### ELECTRONICS

Inappropriate use of cell phones for non-instructional purposes will result in disciplinary action with administration.

### FOOD AND DRINKS

Food and drinks are **not** permitted in the science classroom (lab safety). Only water with in a closed container is allowed in the classroom.

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### EXPECTATIONS

In order to best support student safety and academic growth, course expectations are subject to change. The course instructor reserves the right to modify policies.

**Student:** I agree to organize my time and effort to successfully complete the above named course. I will notify the teacher immediately if I fall behind in class assignments and/or require additional time/assistance to be successful in my Science course.

**Parent/Guardian:** I agree to make myself familiar with the above course requirements and to help my daughter/son organize study time in support of the class assignments. I will notify the teacher of any concerns I may have relating to the course or my child's progress.

**Teacher:** I agree to maintain the standards of the course described above. Students and parents will be notified at regular intervals (with three week interval progress reports and nine weeks report cards) regarding student progress. If assigned work and/or assignments are unsatisfactory, campus policy regarding notification to parents/guardians will be implemented as needed.

**I have read and understood the 2021-2022 Tiger Biology Expectations.**

Student Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name and pronouns (he/him; she/her; they/them) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact Information:  
Home/cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note any additional information I should know about your student to help them achieve academic success. Lets have a great year!*