

HONORS BIOLOGY syllabus



WELCOME TO MY CLASS!

Mrs. Wade

Classroom Philosophy:

The main purpose of you being in this class is to learn about the biological aspects of science and how each division of science can be used in real world applications. Each time that you enter this classroom, you will be **challenged** and **engaged** in learning.

Objectives:

- Obtain a general knowledge of the basic principles of biological systems (i.e.: genetics, cell biology, biochemistry, and evolution)
- To **challenge** and inform students of the scientific concepts of our universe to produce productive citizens.

Required supplies

- ☐ Binder
- ☐ Pens/Pencils
- ☐ Lined Paper

Suggested supplies

- ☐ Highlighters
- ☐ Markers
- ☐ Glue Stick
- ☐ Ruler
- ☐ Tape
- ☐ Sticky Notes



CONTACT INFO

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Communication primarily takes place on electronic means, including Schoology and school email. Contact using one of these means will facilitate our ability to promptly overcome obstacles, and we will work as a team to find solutions. Phone messages left at school may take longer to respond.

Lab Fee:

There is a \$15 Lab Fee. Fee must be paid on PayPams.

<https://paypams.com/>

Grading Procedures

Grades will be determined in the following manner:

• Exam Format and Policies

Exams include information from the primary unit, as well as reviews from past units. Exams may include multiple choice, matching, fill in, or short answer questions.

• Grades

Each assignment will be posted in PowerSchool.

A grade of "1" indicates a missing assignment that may be submitted for credit.

A grade of "0" indicates a final grade not eligible for make-up.

All other posted grades are final: annotations provided for low marks explain points lost.

• Academic Integrity

Students are expected to adhere to the strictest standards of academic honesty. Cheating or plagiarism of any kind will result in an automatic grade of zero for that assignment. Repeated issues will be referred to administration in accordance with school policy.

STANDARDS BASED ASSESSMENTS Unit Exams, Vocabulary Quizzes, Formal Laboratory Reports, & Projects	70%
FORMATIVE ASSESSMENTS Classwork, Binder Check, Etc	30%

things to KNOW

HERE ARE A FEW ADDITIONAL PIECES OF INFORMATION:

Classroom Rules:

1. *Maintain clear aisles – store personal belongings and backpacks under assigned tables.*
2. *Be Prompt and Prepared – Be seated at assigned table with all needed materials by the tardy bell signal. Cell phones should be on silent mode and placed in the assigned pocket.*
3. *Stay Ready to Learn – Remain seated and on-task during instruction.*
4. *Show Respect – by listening quietly to the speaker, by raising your hand to contribute to discussion, by using the polite and courteous language and actions, and by using the lap equipment and classroom supplies correctly as instructed.*
5. *Please refer to the updated **Student/Parent Handbook** for important policies related to uniforms, truancy, and vaping.*
6. *Discipline is progressive. Students are provided a verbal warning and written warning prior to parent contact. Administrative referrals are used for continued infraction.*

Cell Phone Class Policy

- Each student is assigned a number on the first day of school.
- Each student's cell phone must be placed in the corresponding numbered pocket at the start of class each day.
- Attendance is recorded based upon this policy
- The SHS cell phone policy will be enforced as written in the Student Handbook. This implies cell phones are **NOT** allowed out during class time for any reason.
- If there is a family emergency or you need to contact your student during instructional time, please call the front office at 251-602-8970. Our office staff will locate the student immediately for emergencies or deliver messages as needed.

Attendance:

Students are responsible for checking assignments in Schoology when absent. Extended time for missed material may be granted for excused absences but must be confirmed with the teacher. Assignments receive no credit during unexcused absences.

- 1) Check the assignment/make up basket and Schoology.
- 2) Turn in any work that was due during your absence.
- 3) Make an appointment to come in to make-up any quizzes, tests, labs, etc.

Generative Artificial Intelligence Statement:

This course will allow—in some cases, even encourage—the use of generative artificial intelligence (GAI) techniques in some assignments. Unless otherwise indicated, the default is that this kind of use is prohibited. GAI use must be recognized and referenced. Academic misconduct will be the result of breaking this policy and could result in loss of credit for the assignment(s) as referenced in the cheating policy in the Saraland City Schools' Student Handbook. It is the student's responsibility to follow the requirements of each course or assignment.

CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY

Saraland High School has adopted a 1:1 device program. Digital citizenship and competency will be emphasized in all classes. Students will be assigned a Chromebook for use during class.

The SHS cell phone policy will be enforced as written in the Student Handbook. This means cell phones will **NOT** be allowed out during class time for any reason.

Students will turn in phones at the beginning of each class period to the designated pockets when entering class. Phones must be on silent mode. If there is a family emergency or you need to contact your student during instructional time, please call the front office at 251-602-8970. Our office staff will locate the student immediately for emergencies or deliver messages as needed.

If a student refuses to turn in their phone to the proper location and is caught having their phone out during class time, for any reason without permission, they will be asked to turn in their phone at that time. It will be delivered to an administrator, and the student will be permitted to pick it up after school. Subsequent offences are handled according to the guidelines in the Handbook.

When Chromebooks or other devices are being used as instructional tools, the following rules must always be followed:

- Students will use and maintain individually assigned device.
- Students will complete assignments related only to the instructional lesson.
- Students will not send text messages or make calls to others inside or outside of class.
- Students will not record any image, video, or audio of other students or the teacher without permission.
- Students will not post any recordings or images to online websites without permission.
- Students will practice internet safety with online resources.
- Students will only send and post appropriate and authorized text, audio, and visual media to websites approved by the teacher.

Please sign and return - a copy will be placed in student binder.

My child and I have read and understand the syllabus, lab safety contract, and cell phone/electronic device policy. **We understand we will be held accountable for this information and any additional written and/or verbal instructions provided by the school district or my teacher.**

Student Name Printed

Parent Name Printed

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date