Biology Disclosure

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The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn. ~Alvin Toffler

Welcome to Dr. Jeffery's biology class! I'm excited to work with so many eager young learners, and I hope you'll enjoy your time here. Oliver Wendell Holmes said "Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions" – so let's do some stretching this year!

Required Materials: Each day, please bring

- Pencil (#2 lead)
- Index cards (3x5")
- 3-ring binder
- Worksheets/Assignments
- Colored Pencils
- Pen
- Paper
- Book

> Education makes people easy to lead but difficult to drive; easy to govern but impossible to enslave.
> ~Henry Peter Broughman

> We learn more by looking for the answer to a question and not finding it than we do from learning the answer itself.
> ~Lloyd Alexander

Course Curriculum:

- Science Processes
- Ecology
- Chemistry of Cells
- Reproduction
- Cells
- Genetics
- Energy in Living Systems
- Structure & Function of DNA
- Evolution and Classification
- Structure and Function

Assignments (45% of your grade): We'll have assignments most days, so expect it! If it is not finished in class, it becomes homework. Work needs to be both complete and correct to get full credit – incomplete work will be returned and you'll have to turn it in late when it's done. ☹ Don't like your assignment score? You can redo it ONCE for more points!!! Late assignments lose 50%. You can turn in a maximum of 2 late assignments per term. Late work must be turned in before the test for that unit. **Assignments are due at the BEGINNING of class unless otherwise noted.** Turn in assignments to ME, not to my desk, where they may get lost. If you do not turn your work in when it is called for, wait until work time to do so.

"The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing." - John Powell

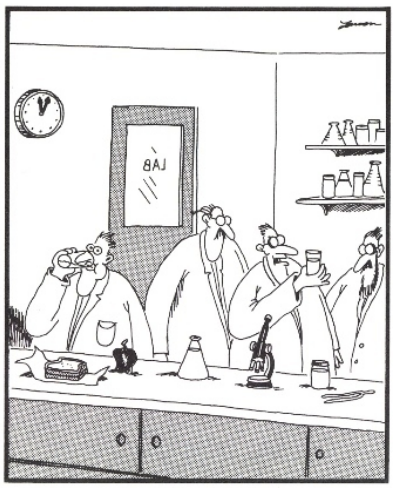
Tests/Quizzes (55% of your grade): We'll have these from time to time to see how you're doing. If you are absent on a test day, the test must be made up within ONE WEEK of your return to class. You may make it up in the testing center. It is your responsibility to let me know when you are going to take it so I can make sure it is available. You are allowed to retake a test ONCE per term, so make it count! If you do your best the first time, though, it'll be less work in the long run! You must have completed all

work from that unit to be eligible for a retake. All cell phones and smart watches will be turned off and placed face down on the table in front of you. Touching your cell phone or smart watch during a test will result in a zero. If you are truant on a test day, you will receive an automatic zero with no makeup allowed.

"It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." - J. K. Rowling

Attendance Procedures – see student handbook

- Timpview High School encourages students to maintain an attendance rate of better than 90%. Class time is valuable learning time, and your attendance is directly related to your success in school.
- Absences must be cleared by a parent or guardian **within five days** of the absence by note, email, or phone call.
- Students is considered "tardy" when they are not in their seat **with the appropriate materials** ready to begin at the bell. Students who are tardy to class must **sign the tardy log.** This will be used to verify that you were in class.
- An "extra tardy" is recorded if a student is later than 10 minutes.
- An "unexcused absence" is recorded if a student is more than 30 minutes late.
- An "attendance bonus" (3% grade raise) will be given each term for those who have no unexcused absences, truancies, or tardies. That means that 3% of the assignment points for the term will be added to your individual point total. For instance, if you had 920 out of 1000 assignment points for the term, you would get an additional 30 points, bumping your average assignment score from 92% to 95%. Extracurricular absences and parent excused absences will not count against your attendance bonus. If you have only one unexcused absence or tardy, you will receive a 2% raise in your assignment score. If you have only two unexcused absences or tardies, you will receive a 1% raise. If you are truant at any time, you will not receive any grade raise.
- If you miss a class, it is YOUR responsibility to get the work from me and/or notes from a classmate.
- You will have TWO DAYS to turn in work missed during an absence. Be sure to remind me you were absent when you turn in your work, so you don't get it marked late. If you know you're going to be absent, get your work ahead of time.
- After two tardies, a lunch detention will be issued.



"What the? ... This is lemonade! Where's my culture of amoebic dysentery?"

Behavior: I expect you to behave like the young adults you are. You are familiar with the rules of Timpview High School, so I will not restate those. Most rules can be covered by saying: **Respect yourself and respect others.** Attitude goes a long way.

1. Be present and on time – in your seat and ready to begin when the bell rings

2. Do not disrupt the class. Please turn off all electronic devices and put away anything that will distract you or others. Electronics may be confiscated, as per school policy. Personal questions should be asked during work time, not class time.
3. Do not throw anything.
4. Be prepared – bring you book, notebook, writing utensil, and any assignment that is due and ready to be turned in.
5. Behavior and dress – dress appropriately for a school setting. See Student Handbook for guidelines
6. Seating – teacher's choice
7. I excuse you, not the bell
8. **No food, candy, or drinks** (with the exception of water) in the classroom. As this is a science lab class, this is a matter of safety.
9. *Any* talking during tests will be considered cheating and will result in a zero, regardless of whether you are finished. The test is not done until *I* say it is done.

Cheating: Cheating in any form will not be tolerated. If you cheat on an assignment, all student involved will receive a zero and will not be able to make up those points. If you cheat on a test, you will also receive a zero and lose the opportunity to retake it. Cheating includes copying/sharing answers with other students (it's not ok for each student to do half of the assignment and exchange answers) as well as plagiarism, taking photos of tests or assignments, etc. Yes, you can work together and help each other find answers, but that is not the same as copying.

Grading

1. 55% on tests/quizzes; 45% on assignments, labs, etc

2. Grading Scale

A	93-100%	B-	80-82%	D+	67-69%
A-	90-92%	C+	77-79%	D	63-66%
B+	87-89%	C	73-76%	D-	60-62%
B	83-86%	C-	70-72%	F	Below 60%

3. Parents will be contacted when students are at risk of failing (below a C-).

4. Extra credit is not a substitute for class assignments and will only be available to students who have completed all their assignments. If you are missing any assignments or tests, you will not be eligible receive extra credit.

Lab Fee

A lab fee of $5 is required for all science classes.

Communication

Parents, feel free to contact me after school by phone at 801-221-9720 x-3601 or via email at kodij@provo.edu

"The true sign of Intelligence is not Knowledge, but Imagination."
. . . ~ Albert Einstein

I understand and agree to abide by the classroom policies as stated in this document

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Student name (printed) Student Signature Date

_____ _____

Student email Period

What would you like me to know about you?

Parent Signature _____ Parent email _____ Date _____

Parent phone _____