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# HONORS BIOLOGY

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The following is a set of classroom guidelines designed to ensure a safe and productive classroom in which everyone can achieve success.

1. **Be respectful!** Do not bring electronic devices or they will be confiscated.
2. **Be on time!** You are expected to be in the classroom when the bell rings. If you are late to class, you must provide a pass.
3. **Be prepared for class!** You should have all appropriate materials with you each time you come to class. The following materials are required:
  - Notebook for class notes: Biology Only
  - Planner: This will be checked throughout the semester.
  - Three-ring binder *Strongly recommended* as all worksheets will be 3-hole punched
  - Writing Utensil
  - Textbook: *Not needed most days*, I will tell you when you need your book in class.
4. **Be safe!** You *must* observe lab safety at all times. **NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN THE CLASSROOM OR LAB.**
5. **Be successful!** You are expected to complete and turn in *all* assignments when due. Every assignment counts towards your grade. Missing or late assignments will negatively impact your grade.

### Absences and make up work:

Everyday attendance is crucial to success in this course. Extended absences limit a student's exposure to course concepts and prevent them from attaining full mastery of unit benchmarks. If you have an excused absence, it is **YOUR** responsibility to see me **THE DAY YOU RETURN** for make-up work or alternative exams.

### Unexcused absences:

Students who are unexcused from any class will receive **NO CREDIT** for all homework, tests, quizzes, or projects that were completed or assigned that day.

### Tardiness:

You are expected to be in your seat when the bell rings.

### The Expectation of Honesty

To respect the great majority of students who complete work honestly, Neuqua Valley takes incidents of dishonesty very seriously. Students involved in violations of the Honesty Policy may be denied participation or recognition in programs or events related to academic achievement, including but not limited to Academic Honors, Senior Departmental Honors, Academic or Reflection speaker at graduation. See the Honesty Policy section for the complete policy regarding the consequences for Academic Dishonesty.

Grade determination:

Your letter grade will come from a weighted points system. Your grade relies primarily on tests and quizzes', so keeping up on your own is important! The grading scale is as follows:

**Tests: 50%**  
**Quizzes: 10%**  
**Homework/Labs/Projects/Etc.: 20%**  
**Final Exam: 20%**

**90 – 100% = A**

**80 – 89% = B**

**70 – 79% = C**

**60 – 69% = D**

**0 – 59% = F**

Office hours:

I will be available for Honor students after school every Monday from 2:30-3:00. Also, I am usually in the building by 6:45am if you need to see me. I coach volleyball at the Main Campus from the beginning of the school year until early November which will make it hard for me to meet with students after school every day. Students may also email me to schedule an appointment. I'm here to help, but you must also help yourself!

***Mr. O'Neil's Schedule***

Period 0: ADVISORY

Period 1: Honors Biology – J172

Period 2: Prep

Period 3: Biology – J162

Period 4: Biology – J162

Period 5: ARC

Period 6: Lunch

Period 7: Honors Biology – J172

Period 8: Honors Biology – J172

**To make up labs/tests – before or after school are best times.**

**REMEMBER** - The Academic Resource Center (H 114) is available (see ARC schedule) during your lunch periods for tutoring or extra help from me or another science teacher.