

# 2020-2021 Biology Syllabus-Mrs. Tipton

## Year at a Glance

### Term 1

Lab Safety & Intro to Biology  
Biomolecules  
Cell Structure & Function  
DNA & Cell Cycle

### Term 2

Gene Expression & Mutations  
Viruses  
Taxonomy & Classification  
Final Exams Review  
FINAL EXAMS

### Term 3

Meiosis & Genetics  
Cell Energy & Plants  
Matter, Energy Flow  
Environmental Changes

### Term 4

Biodiversity  
Human Body Systems  
STAAR Review  
STAAR EOC Window

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### Grading Policy

60% - Major Grades  
30% - Lab Grades  
10% - Daily Grades

<b><u>Rules</u></b>		
	1. Be Prompt	
	2. Be Prepared	
	3. Be Productive	
	4. Be Polite	
	5. Be a Dawson Eagle	

## **Virtual Classroom Rules**

	<b><u>Use video</u></b> Join with video on	
	<b><u>Mute microphone</u></b> Join with microphone muted, unmute when called on to ask a question	
	<b><u>Wear headphones</u></b> if available	
		
		<b><u>Raise your hand</u></b> If you have a question
		<b><u>Use the chat</u></b> To respond to presenter or ask questions

- Make sure you are ready to learn (not laying down, school appropriate, etc.)
- Be respectful to others

## **Required Supplies/Materials**

- Notebook (spiral, composition, or binder with paper)
- Approved Electronic Device
- Headphones
- Post-it notes for notebook tabs
- Personal pencils, markers, colored pencils, highlighters, scissors, glue

## **Hall Pass** (for in-class students)

- A hall pass will be given out at the beginning of each term. Keep the pass in your notebook.
- There are four (4) opportunities per term to: use bathroom, get water, and go to locker.
- If you lose the pass, another one will not be issued until the beginning of the next term.
- Abusing the pass by going places other than those listed will result in a loss of privileges for the next term. (Hall Passes are not transferable to another student.)

# CHEATING POLICY

Please read the school's HONOR CODE. This is an addition for clarification.

## Cheating Gets You a ZERO!

I take cheating very seriously.

**If you cheat you will get a ZERO on the assignment.** If your assistant principal believes a more severe penalty (i.e., detention or in school suspension) is warranted, they can refer the case to Principal Holt for further action.

Unless I tell you that doing an assignment together is required or optional, **assume that you must DO YOUR OWN WORK.**

The goal of enforcing a no cheating policy is to ensure that you **learn the material** presented in the course and **earn the grade you get**. All forms of cheating defeat the goal of learning.

## Specific Examples Of Cheating

The following constitute forms of cheating (some but not all forms):

- **Getting or giving** your assignments to another person.
- Using assignments submitted in previous semesters.
- **Soliciting** to have someone do your assignments in part/or in whole for you.
- **Having someone** do your assignments in part/or in whole for you
- **Doing someone** else's assignments for them.
- **Copying** someone else's work that includes getting stuff from the web and other sources, not just your classmates
- Submitting work that is not **completely** created by you
- **Looking** at someone else's test during an exam or asking someone during the exam for help.
- Possessing an unauthorized copy of an exam.
- **Using technology** during an exam for any reason.
- Telling someone, in detail, what answers to enter on their assignments.
- **Knowing that someone has cheated** and NOT telling me about it. I know this maybe difficult for some to comply with but I expect that if you know you will encourage those involved to either redo the work legitimately or to inform me that they cheated. Withholding this information from me is aiding and abetting cheating and thus you too are cheating.

The persons **giving** the information and those **using it** are **BOTH** cheating and will **BOTH** receive a Zero.

## **Helping Each Other**

I encourage you to help each other to learn but NOT to give the answers. One way to help is to discuss the problem (if permitted in the assignment) but not give the other person YOUR solution. **Mentoring means guiding them to find the solution themselves NOT giving them the answers.**

## **Dawson High School policy:**

DHS is dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge through a structured program of instruction and learning. At the heart of this endeavor, lie the core values of academic integrity which include honesty, truth, and freedom from lies and fraud. Because personal integrity is important in all aspects of life, students at DHS are expected to conduct themselves with honesty and integrity in and out of the classroom. Incidents of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and students guilty of such conducts are subject to disciplinary actions.

Please refer to your student handbook and the HONOR CODE for further information.

**Please don't cheat, it makes my job much harder and it mainly cheats you of your education. If you feel the need to cheat, come talk to me about why and we will find an honorable solution.**

***We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.***  
**~Aristotle**