

**Mrs. Klakulak**  
**Biology Syllabus classroom Rules and Policies**  
**2010 - 2011**

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By appointment if needed

Welcome to general Biology! The following is a description of classroom policies, which will be in effect throughout the school year. These guidelines will describe how the class will run. If you have questions or concerns about these guidelines please feel free to discuss them with me.

**Textbook:** Biology: The Dynamics of Life by Glencoe/McGraw Hill. The bookstore will issue each student a book. Keep this book at your house to use for homework and to study. We will use a classroom set in my room. There will be additional materials to help with concept comprehension.

**Course Description:** This is a rigorous course designed to develop a deeper understanding of biological concepts and reasoning skills. This course will require self motivation and writing skills. Course topics include:

1. Introduction to Biology, Metrics, Measurement, Safety, Experimental Design
2. Basic Biological Chemistry
3. Life Substances, Cells, Cellular Functions, Transportation, Energy
4. Genetics, Heredity, Heredity, DNA
5. Ecology, Relationships within the Environment
6. Classification, Kingdoms

**Classroom Rules and Expectations:**

1. BE READY – be in your seat and start working when the bell rings
  2. BE RESPONSIBLE – just do your best
  3. BE RESPECTFUL – treat other the way you want to be treated
- Your attendance is the key to your success. Expect about a half hour of homework each night (this includes reading the textbook which is necessary)
  - Tardy – you will be sent to tardy sweep room

***Discipline policies will follow the Kofa High School handbook guidelines. Classroom consequences:***

- **1<sup>st</sup> offense** – ½ hour detention and a call to parent or guardian. **Transportation is your responsibility.**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> offense** – 1 hour detention (same as above)
- Discipline for any disturbance is at the teacher's discretion and may skip to higher authorities if necessary

**Materials for class:** Daily points will be given for these items

1. Pencils (more than one is good practice)

2. Science notebook
3. Student Handbook
4. Student ID

**These items would be helpful but not mandatory:**

Highlighter	colored pencils
Pens	markers

**Assignments and Grading:** Tests and quizzes are weighted. Class work and homework will be graded as preparatory grades for testing. Late work will be accepted at half credit. Passing this class is something everyone is capable of accomplishing. Assignments not handed in will receive a zero. No exceptions, so turn them in!!

**Grading Scale:**

90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 - 69	D
59 and below	F

**Keep all papers for semester Final review.**