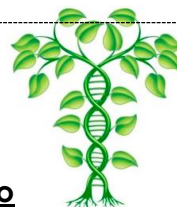


HONORS LIVING ENVIRONMENT  
CLASS CONTRACT  
2018-19



**Extra Help:**

Mrs. Foraker: Period 6 Room104  
T, W, H @ 2:33- Room 104

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Welcome to Living Environment! Living Environment is the first science class that you will take towards high school graduation that ends with a New York State Regents exam in June; this means the grade you receive from this course will be on your college transcript. To be able to take the exam in June you will need to satisfy the New York State 1200 minute hands on lab requirement. An exciting year is planned and I am looking forward to a great year!

**Materials:** The following materials are required each day:

- 2" Binder (any color)
- Loose-leaf & spiral notebook
- Pen/pencil, pencil sharpener
- Glue/tape
- \*you will need to bring in 1 folder to store graded labs in the classroom

**Textbook:** *Biology* by Prentice Hall will be provided and should be kept at home.

**Homework:** Homework will be assigned and evaluated as per the student handbook. I will try to list all homework on the website. It is due on the assigned date; missing homework may not be made up and will result in a zero. Homework **will not** be accepted late. Plagiarism will not be tolerated; work should be your own! All homework that is collected should contain your name, class period & date.

**Quizzes:** At least 1 quiz will be given each week and they may be announced or unannounced.

**Tests:** When possible I will try to provide at least 1 period of review before a test. Tests will be in a similar format to the NYS Regents and will contain a majority of old Regents questions. Most tests will be given over the course of 2 periods and will contain multiple choice, graphs and writing questions. There may also be online quizzz, quizlet & Castle Learning review assignments for topics. A Prentice Hall review book will provided towards the end of the year.

**Extra Help:** Extra help is for help in understanding the material, lab corrections and occasionally homework help. You must come with a question(s).

**Lab Safety:** Laboratory safety **is a must**. If you cannot abide by the rules while in a lab setting, appropriate action will be taken which could result in a zero on that lab report. Reminder: 1200 satisfactory ( $\geq 65\%$ ) minutes are required to sit for science Regent exams, see lab guidelines sheet.

**Lateness:** You are expected to be in your assigned seat ready to work when the bell rings. Any student that does not do so will be marked late. If you are late unexcused and miss a quiz, it is a zero.

**Absences:** If you are absent, **YOU** are responsible for all missed classwork, homework, labs, tests or quizzes for the days missed when you get back to school. If you are absent the day of a test or quiz you will take it the day you get back. Make sure to check the website for the homework when you are absent so you can possibly hand it when you return. Upon your return to school it is your responsibility to remember to hand in work that may have been due; you may not be reminded.

Bathroom Pass: The use of the pass is a privilege and it can be taken away at anytime. Pass usage will be limited to 2x/week. This includes trips to the restroom and locker for forgotten class required items, homework, etc.

Grading Policy\*

50% Tests

20 % Quizzes

20% Labs

10% Homework/Classwork/Participation/Preparedness

\*when a quarterly test is given all categories will be reduced by 10% and the quarterly will be 10% of the overall grade. The midterm will count as 20% of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter grade and all other categories will be reduced by 20%.

Each day it is expected that you have all of the required materials and any prior work is to remain in your binder unless told otherwise. At times we may revisit a handout/quiz/test, etc. All notes need to be dated and include page numbers.

Notebook Checks: Organization is one of the keys to success. There will be random notebook checks throughout the year that will count in your test average. This will keep you organized, which will help your grade in the end.

All school, 8<sup>th</sup> grade & Science Department rules apply in the classroom as well. School rules are listed in the student handbook.

Gum/Food/Drink: Building rules state there is no food/drinks allowed in any classroom. The rule is strictly enforced in this science classroom since many chemicals are used and dissections are done frequently.

Cell phones: The school policy on cell phone use applies. This will be strictly enforced

To do well in this class **YOU MUST:**

1. Really listen & think scientifically
2. Answer questions and ask questions when you do not understand something.
3. Respect **everyone** in this room.
4. Hand in all labs when due with your best effort given.
5. Be prepared daily & do all of your homework.
6. Review new material every night for at least 10 minutes.
7. Not give up easily due to laziness or frustration.
8. Have a positive attitude.

Goal: What is one goal you have for this year in science to be more successful than you were last year?

I have read & understand the Living Environment class expectations.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_