

IMPORTANT INFORMATION -Ms. Tetrev-Kipp's BIOLOGY CLASSROOM

Welcome to Ms. Kipp Biology Classroom! I just want to go over procedures, policies, and expectations for the biology classroom. It is very important that you understand that a student needs a 70%, a C, or higher in order to receive high school credit for each semester. Please read over the classroom procedures and expectations. I look forward to working with you and your child this school year ☺ The Biology Syllabus can be found on the weebly website it was not printed for students.

Bell ringer & summaries

All bell ringers and summaries must be written in a **complete sentence**, each bellringer and summary is worth 2 point for a total of 4 points a day.

If a student is **absent or tardy** to class they are still **responsible** for that day's bell ringer and summary. They can ask any other 8th grader for it or come see me before school or at lunch. The bellringers and summaries can be found on the weebly. Do NOT write absent on the paper. All bell ringers / summary sheets are due at the end of class on **Friday**.

The **ONLY extra credit** given in this course is extra credit stamps given on bellringer sheet. Ways to earn the stamps are one, during the first 5 minutes of class; no students should be talking during these first five minutes. If the class as a whole is silently working on the bellringer I will go around and stamp their bell ringer sheet. Another way is if students complete a hand out on time that will not be collected for a grade. Also a student can get a stamp if a student goes above and beyond in the classroom and helps other students in class. At the end of the quarter the student will count up the total number of stamps on all that quarters bellringer sheets and staple all the bellringer sheets together write total number of stamps and turn in before grades are due. That means students must hold onto all of their bell ringer sheets each quarter in their binder. **DO NOT THROW THEM AWAY!!** Ms. Kipp is not responsible for lost stamps! It is possible to receive a **4% increase** on the student's total average grade meaning if they have 86% they would have a 90% at the end of the quarter if the students have the maximum number of stamps.

Binders/Papers

Every student must have a biology **BINDER!** The binder is divided into 3 sections: First is the reference section, second is the unit pages that are numbered, third is the bell ringer weekly reading section. Binder Quizzes will be given at end of each unit

Every new unit students will receive a colorful paper with a **calendar** on it. On this paper students must **write down that days homework**, even if they have none they still must right NONE. Students will turn this in at the end of the unit for points/grade. I will check the calendar weekly if calendars are left blank they will not receive credit for blank dates.

On **Wednesday** students will receive a **weekly reading**. The students must annotate by underlining main ideas and writing a brief summary of each paragraph. The weekly reading is due on Friday.

All papers are **collected** on Friday at the end of class, unless otherwise instructed and should be kept in their binder with a page number. Typically every Friday students will turn in Bellringer/Summary Sheet for week, Weekly reading, and one unit page from the week of my choosing.

Students only have **one week** from the day it was collected to turn it in late. No papers will be taken after the ONE-WEEK.

Almost every assignment is worth **16 points**. The day it is due they will receive a stamp that counts as 4 points. Then when we go over it in class and students make corrections in a different writing utensil that is another 4 points. When they turn it in on Friday they will receive another 4 points and 4 points for following directions.

An **answer key** is always projected in front of the class so even if a student does not do the work they can easily complete it in class when we are going over it. No student should have less than 12 out of 16 on most assignment.

If a student is **absent** it is up to them to make up the work they missed. Any missed papers can be found in folder in the back of the class or check the weebly website. They must come see me before school or during lunch to talk about a missed class. It should **not** be done during class time. I will not hunt them down to get work they missed because they were absent.

Classroom rules

When the bell rings the door is **closed and locked**. Students in the class should be in their seats starting on their bellringer. After the door is closed the students must get a tardy before entering the class room.

Students must wear an **ID** in order to enter the classroom, if they don't have one they must get get a temp and a tardy if they are late. Remember temporary Ids cost \$1 and that adds up at end of the year and must be paid; please buy another id if lost.

Please **raise your hand** and wait to be called on. Do not shout out answers or comments.

No food or drink is allowed in the science classroom, Students may have water.

When students leave they must **push** in their stools. The room is small and hard for students to move around if stools are left out

Clean up after yourself! Do not leave papers, trash, or used tissue at your seat. If a mess is left at seat detentions will be issued.

There's absolutely **no writing** on the desk/tables, it is an instant write up, even if it is in pencil or with eraser.

Students may **not get up** out of their seats while teacher is talking. If students need to throw something away or get tissue they must wait until the teacher is not talking to the class as whole.

Do not **THROW** anything in the classroom. That includes a pen to a friend! The garbage can is NOT a basketball hoop, using it as if it was will be a write up. The science classroom is too small and glass items are all around that can be easily broken.

On lab or activity days students must be **cautious!** Absolutely no horse playing around in classroom. I have a no **TOLERANCE policy** on these days. Students need to follow directions and be extremely careful when handling science materials. Do not use the materials for anything other than what you are instructed. If a student is caught doing things with the materials that they should not be doing, they will be sent out of the room, receive a zero for the activity and won't be allowed to do any more labs or activities until a parent has met with me! **Safety** is our main concern.

Students should have **cell phones** put away during class not on the table. If a phone is out it will be taken until the class is over. If it repeatedly keeps happening it will be taken to Dean Gill.

If a student needs to use the **washroom**, Kenwood policy is no student is allowed out the first and last ten minutes of class. If it is between those times a student may ask only when the class is **working independently**. Do NOT raise your hand while I am talking or going over something to leave the classroom.

If a student loses a sheet of paper, he or she can go onto the **weebly website** and print one off or if they are absent for more than one day they can check to see what worksheets were passed out during class. <http://kenwoodfreshmenbio.weebly.com>

Biology books will be given to each student and should be taken home. The room will have a class set of books for students to use in the class so they do not need to carry the book back and forth. If the book is lost or damaged at the end of the year a \$130.00 debt will be charged to the student account.

Students are allowed to retake the Content portion of the exam for a 100%. It is a two meeting process, one to go over your test and make corrections and then student must come back to retake test. The students only have 5 days from when the grade was given to complete a retake.

The biology semester 1 and 2 Final is worth 10% of their grade and is in its own category on grade book.

All students must keep up with their work and cannot wait until the last minute to care about passing! These grades/GPA will follow them through their high school career. In order to keep the students aware of their Biology grade about every 2-3 weeks the students will receive little sheet of paper that shows them their grade and they will have to graph their grade in biology. This makes students accountable for their grade and they cannot say they didn't know. Please check gradebook often 😊

The best way to contact me is through Cps email at mtetrev1@cps.edu I also use the remind app. To Install the remind app text @acbio2 to 81010.

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