

Mr. Forster's NGSS Biology Class

Grading Scale

- 40% Classwork/Homework and Quizzes (Formative), 60% Assessments (Summative)
- Labs/Major Assignments may fall in Summative (will be announced ahead of time)

Classwork/Homework

-Students are given roughly 30 minutes of class time to work on the classwork and receive teacher support. Any work not finished in class becomes homework. Assignments one day late will receive 3 out of 5. Anything turned in more than one day late earns 1 out of 5 showing the assignment was turned in, albeit too late. Late work for each unit is accepted up to the Unit assessment.

- Extra credit is offered occasionally but not by request. Extra credit is not accepted late.

Unit Packets

-Each unit students receive a unit packet. Most assignments will come from the unit packet.

Retakes

-Retakes are not offered. Anyone that scores below a 60% on a test is eligible to do test corrections. Once corrections are completed, the score is raised to a 60%.

Textbook

- This class will utilize an online textbook embedded in Canvas

How to Prepare for Assessments

-Daily Warm Ups-completed each day (3pts per day, turned in at the end of the unit). Answers are reviewed daily in a class discussion.

-Science Notebook (Student chooses how to organize). Students are directed to write down specific information from lecture notes and discussions.

Where to Find Information

-Canvas class-see video for instructions on how parents can access Canvas. Click the link below for a more detailed explanation of Canvas and grading.

[CLICK HERE](#) (link is also found on my school website)

-All notes, warm ups, links, and helpful videos will be posted on Canvas for all students to use for reference.

-Canvas contains a calendar that contains due dates for all assignments along with Assessment dates. An online planner!

Absences

-Absent students should check Canvas for the daily warm up. Classwork/Homework is listed on the warm up and Canvas calendar. Do as much as possible and talk to Mr. Forster upon returning.

Grading Program

- Please use Homelink to keep track of student grades
- Assignments will be entered the day they are assigned (please check the dates).
- If it's not a red box, it's not missing it has not been entered (does not affect their grade)
- Assignments will be graded within a week, I do not wait until the last day and enter a

bunch of assignments. If you are not sure, please email.

My class is set up for success. If all work is completed, class is attended regularly, and students communicate with me/get extra help when needed passing is easily attainable.