



**Policies & Expectations**  
**LIVING ENVIRONMENT**  
**(Biology)**  
**Mrs. Traina & Mrs. Criddle**



1. FOLLOW ALL RULES IN THE STUDENT HANDBOOK

Be respectful of the teacher & classmates, listen & participate during the lesson, use clean language, dress appropriately, and no cell phones or other electronic devices. Every student has the right to an education, therefore, disruptive & disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.

2. WORK SAFE & NEAT

Use proper safety techniques with all equipment and supplies. Clean up your work area and materials. Keep all school property in good condition.

3. BIOLOGY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- 3 Ring Binder (1 in.)
- Pen or pencil

4. GRADING POLICY

Grades will be determined as follows:                      50% Tests & Projects                      50% Laboratory Activities

5. SUBMIT ALL WORK BY THE DUE DATE

Dates for all labs & tests will be posted on the board and in the biology calendar. \*No late work will be accepted\* You are always welcome to turn in work before the due date. Students will earn a zero for any work not turned in by the due date. If legally absent on the day an assignment is due, you have until the end of the school day you return to submit it.

Students can find copies of notes in the MODEL NOTEBOOK, on Mrs. Traina's WEBSITE, and extra copies of handouts in the CABINET in the classroom. Help yourself to these.

6. WEBSITE

Copies of notes, projects, and laboratory activities can be found on Mrs. Traina's website. Review games and activities are available on Mrs. Criddle's website.

- Go to: [www.ntschoools.org](http://www.ntschoools.org)
- Select "Select a School" and click on "High School"
- Click on "Teacher Pages" and select "Traina, C. or "Criddle, A."

7. LABORATORY REQUIREMENT

NYS requires regents science students to successfully complete 1200 minutes of lab work, therefore, you must pass at least 30 laboratory activities to be eligible to take the final exam in June. Passing level projects will count as two lab activities. All graded & returned labs will be kept in your lab folder in the classroom. You will be participating in laboratory activities both in class and lab this year. Activities not finished in class should be completed at home or in a study hall and submitted by the due date.

## 8. CLASSROOM ROUTINE

Class will typically begin with attendance in which you may get your binder, review your notes, or try the challenge question on the Smartboard. Following attendance, all focus should be on the lesson. At the end of the period, stay at your seat - do not line up at the door.

## 9. STUDY SHEETS

Before each unit test, you will complete a study sheet for that unit. Study sheets turned in by the end of the day earn +5 if well done, 1 to 4 points if partly done, and -5 points if not turned in. Students who are absent on study sheet day neither gain nor lose points. SAVE ALL YOUR COMPLETED STUDY SHEETS FOR FINAL EXAM REVIEW IN JUNE.

## 10. PERSONAL EXPECTATIONS

- Your full attention will be on Biology
- You will try your best, ask good questions, and complete all assignments
- You will make some mistakes
- You will be respectful to the teacher and will listen & focus during the lesson
- You will be polite to your classmates

## 11. WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

- We will treat you with courtesy & respect but will be stern about proper behavior
- We support fun in the classroom within the framework of the rules
- We encourage communication
- We have an “Open Door” policy and you are always welcome to come speak with me
- We will give you the grade you earn in Biology

# BIOLOGY SYLLABUS

**UNIT 1: Reproduction & Development**

**UNIT 2: Genetics**

**UNIT 3: Human Physiology**

**UNIT 4: Evolution & Classification**

**UNIT 5: Cells & Processes**

**UNIT 6: Scientific Method**

**UNIT 7: Ecology 1**

**UNIT 8: Ecology 2**

This course terminates in a **NYS Regents Exam** (“Living Environment”)

