



Class Expectations

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Conference Time: During 2th Period 10:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR TIGERS!!!!!!

Hello students and parents, I hope everyone is safe and your family is healthy. This is a very strange time for everyone so if there is anything I can do to help you, please let me know. I'm here for you ALL.

We are living in a global pandemic and in order to understand the latest science about the COVID-19 you must understand the basics. BIOLOGY is the the study of LIFE! The primary objective of the course is to provide you with a fundamental understanding of biology and scientific processes. We will also discuss the latest news and findings about COVID-19.

This is an End of Course (EOC) class and required for graduation. Students are ultimately responsible for their success; therefore, you should be organized, prepared, and motivated to to LEARN. #learnerforlife

Virtual Learning Class Information

- Schoology**- Assignments will be posted and turned in on Schoology.
 - Assignments will always be due Wednesday at 11:59 pm and Monday at 11:59 pm.
- Website**- Please visit my website for additional resources.
- Remind**- Please sign up for Remind for your class using the information above. This is the easiest way for you to communicate with me. Parents are also welcomed to sign up for Remind.
- Schedule**- We are on an [A/B/C schedule](#). Monday and Thursday are "A" Days, Tuesday and Friday are "B" Days, and Wednesday is "C" Day.
 - Daily Schedule**- you will need to join a Zoom session every "A and B" day.
 - 1st/5th - 9:00 am
 - 2nd/6th - 10:30 am
 - 3rd/7th - 1:00 pm
 - 4th/8th - 2:30 pm
 - "C" Days will be tutoring and office hours. If you would like to meet send me a Remind and we will schedule a time.**
- Zoom Etiquette** - Please download [Zoom app](#) on your device.
 - Keep your audio on mute until you want to speak.
 - Enable video so that we can see you! If you don't feel comfortable sharing your video that's ok too. I'm just glad you're here!
 - Use the Chat box to make a point or ask a question. Remember that Chat is public (even to your friends), and may be recorded, and archived.
 - Appropriate classroom behavior is expected in our virtual classroom.**

Classroom Learning Class Information

In order to ensure a successful academic school year and accomplish our academic goals, a set of guidelines has been established. Students are encouraged and expected to adhere to the following:

CORE VALUES

Mighty Tigers Are:

Respectful (language, behaviors)

Open Minded (appreciate diversity, believe the impossible)

Achievers (set goals, challenge yourself)

Responsible (digital citizenship, monitor self)

1. *It is crucial to your learning for you to be paying attention at all times. If I have to stop doing something more than twice because of your misbehavior, **we will follow the consequences stated later on this page.***
2. *Be in your assigned seat ready to work **BEFORE** the tardy bell rings. You must **always** have your laptop, pencil, and composition book ready. **Pen IS NOT RECOMMENDED** in my class since we do a lot of corrections and pencil markings are easier to manage.*
3. ***Attendance and promptness are crucial to your success.** If you are constantly unexcused absent or tardy, your grade will suffer. I will lock the door as soon as the tardy bell rings. If you are late, knock the door **ONLY ONCE**. This will let me know you are outside. Please do not start knocking and knocking on the door. Wait until I open it for you. You must sign in at the beginning of each class period if you are tardy. You will be marked **absent** after 20min.*
 - *1-2 Tardies = Verbal Warning*
 - *3-4 Tardies = Phone call home*
 - *5; 10; 15 or more Tardies= Discipline referral and administrator interventions.*

*****You must go to attendance to fix the absence, on your own time. You will not be sent to attendance during class time*****

4. *If you are a student on my Biology class, the class is part of the Dual Language program so it is very important for you to start practicing English and Spanish. It is important for your success in the future. Because of this **Do not be afraid** to speak! Participate and engage actively with your classmates. We will not make fun of you. **We will help you!***
5. *Bullying, of any kind, is a very serious problem and will **NOT** be tolerated **AT ALL!** If I catch you or I suspect you are bullying another person, you will be reported to administration immediately and you will receive a referral. Your parents will also be notified and you will face the consequences.*
6. ***Students are allowed to use electronic devices for instructional purposes ONLY.** The electronic device will be confiscated immediately if it is used for personal purposes and it will be taken to the Business office and you will have to pay \$15 to get it back. **BEFORE** entering my class, **ALL** electronic devices (used for personal purposes) need to be put away, this includes LAPTOP, **HEADPHONES, AirPods, iPads, SmartWatch, CELLPHONES, Anything electronic!** If I see you using these electronic devices for personal purposes, **I WILL CONFISCATE IMMEDIATELY!!!***
7. ***ID** must be worn **AT ALL TIMES**. No excuses! It is for your safety. In order to use a Hall Pass you need your ID! **NO ID = NO HALL PASS!** No exceptions! Each pass will be for **5 minutes**. If you take advantage of this privilege and take more than the five minutes, you will lose it for those Nine-Weeks. Remember, **IT IS A HALL PASS!** So anywhere outside my classroom is considered **THE HALL**. If you or your parents disagree with this policy please contact me immediately. Some exceptions may apply.*

8. The bell **does not** release you. **I DO!** So if you start packing your things or stand up before I release you, you will stay for an extra 2 minutes after the bell rings to compensate.
9. I created a website in order for students and parents to know what is going on everyday in my classroom. My website is tigersciencealvarado.weebly.com. You will be able to contact me at any time and if students miss a day, they will be able to see what they miss, print it, and turn the work in for full credit or stop by for tutoring if they did not understand. Through my website you will have access to many resources.
10. **Dress code is strictly enforced AT ALL TIMES.** Please refer to the Dress Code Policy. An immediate referral will be given if the Dress Code is broken.
11. Successful students are expected to meet class deadlines for assignments, tests, labs, and projects. All assignments must be completed and turned-in at the end of the class period or at the beginning of the next class period, depending of the length of the assignment and upon instructor's discretion. You will have the opportunity to redo grades below 70%. You will have a **maximum of two attempts**, and after each attempt you will have **five school days** (from date of grade being posted) to redo the assignment. The average of the attempts is the grade that gets recorded. Any work NOT turned in on time will automatically receive a zero and the above policy will be followed. You must come in to tutoring and complete it during that time in order to receive credit.
12. The Science department expectations for academic integrity will follow EPISD policy as stated in EIA Local policy manual. A student who receives a failing grade (**CH**) due to **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY** shall not be allowed to redo assignments or retake a test. At the discretion of the teacher, a discipline referral may be issued. Actions constituting academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to, **submitting other's work as their own, copying work from another student, plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, inappropriate use of technology, falsifying documents, and allowing others to violate the academic integrity policy.** Students have the responsibility to submit coursework that is the result of their own thought, research, or self-expression.
13. I am available for tutoring by appointment only. Please ask me at least two days in advance if you cannot make it on a certain day so we can make arrangements. You are allowed to make up a low grade, as long as you had turned it in on time and I saw that you did make an effort to do it. The corrections must be made **during tutoring** to prevent cheating and/or copying.

Parents, these expectations have been placed to ensure your child's success in my classroom. **They will be strictly enforced!** If for any reason your son/daughter cannot follow these expectations, please contact me immediately.

Grading Policy

Course work will carry the following weights:

40%	Content Mastery	Exams, Labs
40%	Content Understanding	Labs, Projects, Quizzes
20%	Content Engagement	Classwork, Homework

Consequences

1. Verbal warning from teacher
2. Teacher/student conference
3. Call to parents or conference with parents
4. Referral

*** An extreme case (fighting, throwing stuff, confrontation with teacher, etc.) will result in referral for insubordination.**

Signing this paper means you have read and understand the expectations your son/daughter will be expected to follow daily in my class. Thank You and please do not hesitate to contact me at any time at the contact information above.

Student's Name _____ Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

The instructor reserves the right to add or modify these expectations as the need arises