

**Advanced Biology**  
**Mrs. Jensen**  
**Room 219**  
**Blocks IV and V**

**Course Description**

This is a year long course that will prepare you for higher-level biology courses as you explore biological systems and concepts. Daily lectures as well as hands-on activities and laboratory exercises will help you to understand the material being taught.

**Text**

Biology Concepts and Connections , Campbell/Reece. Your book must be covered at all times and contain your name. You need to bring your book to class every day. This text also has a CD version, allowing you to access animations and practice tests as well as the text itself. If you want to use the CD version you will need to sign out a copy.

**Web Page \***

Throughout the semester you will be using information found on my web page. Some of our classroom activities and labs will be posted there. You will also be able to access homework assignments if you are absent or forgot to jot down the homework.

<http://www.grsd.org/hs/teachers/jensenc/>

**Student Internet Account**

It's important that you and your parents fill out the appropriate paperwork enabling you to have a student internet account. Having access to the school computers will be important for many of our class activities and will also allow you to have school 'storage space' to store documents you are working on for class work.

**Notebook**

You will be required to keep a notebook. It should be of the three-ringed variety and all papers received should be kept there as well as the notes taken in class. It should have a table of contents or be arranged with tab organizers because notebooks may be graded for content, organization, and neatness throughout the semester.

**Grading**

Tests, quizzes and lab reports-75%

Classwork-including class participation and behavior from the rubric/homework/notebook-25%

**Powerschool \***

Your parents may be able to follow your progress in this course and others. More information will be forthcoming from the district.

<http://powerschool.grsd.org/public/>

**Tardiness**

If you are tardy to class, which means that you are not in class before the bell rings, your name will be checked in my grade book. Three checks and you will serve a detention with me after school. In addition to disciplinary action, being tardy may sometimes affect your grade because pop-quizzes will always be given during the first 5 minutes of class, and you will not have an opportunity to make up these quizzes.

**Lavatory Passes**

Lav passes will not be signed during the first 45 minutes of class. You should use your breaks and time in between classes for visits to the bathroom, water fountain and pencil sharpener. Remember that daily trips to the lav during class time are recorded on the rubric.

## **Absences**

If you are absent, you are responsible for making up missed work **within one week** of your absence(s). Failure to do so will result in a zero(s)!

## **Required Materials**

You are responsible for bringing all necessary materials to class. This includes your book, notebook, paper, writing utensil, and homework assignment.

## **Student Work**

Homework must be completed in pencil, **blue or black ink**. It must be neat and on standard sized paper (8 1/2 by 11). Any cheating will result in a zero for all parties involved. Plagiarism will also result in a zero. Late work will be penalized and graded as follows: 25% off -1 day late, 50% off-2 days late, 75% off -3 days late.

## **Food and Beverages**

This is a science lab. Food and beverages do not belong here.

## **Science Laboratory Behavior**

Lab is serious business. Any horseplay will result in immediate dismissal from the classroom and a zero for the day. Do not enter any drawer, cabinet, or closet, or handle any equipment on the counter tops without the expressed permission of the teacher. Please treat the plants and animals in the room with care and respect. There will be times when equipment might be broken by accident. Report these incidents to me immediately.

## **Classroom Dismissal and Classroom Clean-up**

Class is dismissed by me, not the bell, which is merely a reminder. Please clean up your work area after lab or any class activity. It's your responsibility and a necessity if you want to get out of class on time.

## **Classroom Rules and Discipline**

The following short list of rules should be followed every day:

- 1.Be on time for class
- 2.Bring all the required materials to class
- 3.Be quiet at the appropriate times
- 4.Be in the correct seat at appropriate times
- 5.Keep hands, feet, and belongings to oneself
- 6.Refrain from profane language (written, oral, physical)
- 7.Follow all directions given by the teacher

**The following discipline will be dispensed in the event that you fail to follow the rules.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> infraction-warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> infraction-permanent record of behavior in teacher notebook
- 3<sup>rd</sup> infraction-continued record in notebook and parent notification
- 4<sup>th</sup> infraction-all of the above and removal from classroom to school disciplinary personal.

\*\*\*\*Severe infractions will result in the consequences for a 4<sup>th</sup> infraction in order to maintain classroom safety and integrity.

I have read the above and agree to comply\_\_\_\_\_.

Student Name

Dear Parent;

There are some starred (\*) topics with web addresses above that you may be particularly interested in.

Please feel free to email me with any questions that you may have.

cjensen@grsd.org

I have read the above\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

