

Living Environment/ Regents Biology Class Policy – Ms. Costello

Class Requirements:

- A folder to hold loose papers.
- Pen and/or pencil
- Headphones that can be plugged into your Chromebook – I do have a classroom set.

Rules:

- Treat everyone and everything with respect and understanding – keep negative comments, hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- Be in your seat and have all materials ready to use when the bell rings.
- Listen to directions and follow them the first time they are given.
- Keep the classroom, neat, safe, and clean. Any student who violates safety rules will be immediately ejected from class and lab.
- No food or drink.
- No electronics – phones, games, etc.,
- Hats are allowed.
- Backpacks are allowed but may need to go into lockers on certain lab days for safety reasons.

Chromebook policy:

Chromebooks will be used at various times throughout the year and allowed at appropriate times. They should not be open during directions, notes, tests, etc., or any time the teacher is addressing the class. If they are being used at inappropriate times, the following consequences will occur.

1) You will be reminded to put it away. 2) If it is not put away, it will be taken by the teacher until the end of the day. 3) If a student refuses to hand over the Chromebook, the student will be sent to the office followed by a discipline referral.

Cell phones:

Cell phone use is prohibited in class unless authorized by the teacher for certain assignments or labs. If cell phones are seen in class, the following consequences will occur:

1) It will be taken by the teacher. The student can come to pick it up at the end of the day.
2) If a student refuses to hand over the cell phone, the student will be sent to the office followed by a discipline referral.

Hallway use:

Once in class, STAY in class. Students should come to class prepared and ready to learn, therefore all bathroom, drinks, and locker needs should be taken care of before class.

Class Tardiness:

Every 3rd tardy will result in a referral to the principal. If a student comes to class late, they should have a pass and quietly sit down without disturbing the class or the teacher.

Homework:

Homework is designed for individual practice/review of skills or information, or to prepare for upcoming content. Homework will be assigned at the discretion of the teacher and these assignments will be checked and chosen at random to be graded.

Absence:

It is the student's responsibility to find out what was missed. Work should be made up as soon as possible. Absent students should check with the teacher for items that they may have missed. If you are absent for a test or quiz, it will be made up on the day you return to school. Students must comply with the school attendance policy to receive credit for the course.

* Remember if you are absent on a lab day it counts as 2 absences: one for class and one for lab

Extra Help:

If you feel that you need extra help or if you don't understand any material, please make an appointment to come see me. I am very willing to work with you if you also put forth the effort.

Grading: Quarter grades 30% Tests (Summative)
 30% Labs (Summative)
 30% Projects & Quizzes (Summative)
 10% Classwork & Homework (Formative)

Final Average:

The final average is found by averaging the four quarter grades and the Regents exam grade/final exam grade (whichever is highest).

* Regents credit is given when the Regents exam is passed with a grade of 65 or better and the class is passed with an average grade of 70 or better. Students must also fulfill the lab requirement to sit for the Regents exam.

Late work:

- 10 points off – 1 day late
- 20 points off – 2 days late
- 30 points off – more than 2 days late or after the teacher goes over answers.
- Zero credit after the end of the quarter

*** Even if no credit is given, labs MUST be completed to be eligible to take the Regents exam (which is needed to pass the class) in June. ***

Summative Assessment Re-Take Policy:

All students will have the opportunity to re-take or re-do summative assessments (tests, quizzes & projects). A summative assessment may only be retaken/redone once. If the NEW grade is HIGHER, it will be AVERAGED with the ORIGINAL grade. If the NEW grade is LOWER, it will REPLACE the ORIGINAL grade. To be eligible for a re-take or re-do, students must sign up to come to see Ms. Costello during a tutorial period to discuss the reasoning for the original poor performance. This must be done within one week of the date of the original summative assessment. If a student fails to show up for their tutorial appointment, the retake or re-do will not be allowed.

Regarding labs as summative assessments, labs can be corrected to earn back half of the missed points. Any lab that receives a 74 or lower grade must be corrected. (See lab policy below).

Lab Policy:

To take the Regents exam students must complete all assigned labs. There is a NYS Science curriculum requirement of 1200 lab minutes, and the labs must be kept on file by the teacher as proof of lab minute completion. These labs must also be rated as acceptable (grade of 75% or above). Any labs rated as unacceptable will be returned to the student to be corrected or redone. Any corrected lab (acceptable or unacceptable) will earn back half the missed points for a higher grade. Lab folders must be completed for each student to sit for the Regents exam or final exam. **Any student who has not submitted all labs will NOT be permitted to take the Regents Exam or final exam or be eligible for summer school and must repeat the course!** ******If deadlines are missed, you will not be admitted to take the Living Environment Regents Exam!!! ******

Lab due dates:

May 31, 2024 - Last day to perform lab.

June 7, 2024 - Last day to submit labs for entrance into the NYS Regents and Final Examination.

Please sign the next page as an indication of knowledge of this information.

2023-2024 Living Environment Class Policy

I have read the class policy for Living Environment, fully understand the expectations, and will abide by the rules and procedures.

I understand the following:

- A summative assessment may only be retaken/redone once.
 - If the NEW grade is HIGHER, it will be AVERAGED with the ORIGINAL grade.
 - If the NEW grade is LOWER, it will REPLACE the ORIGINAL grade.
 - To be eligible for a re-take or re-do, students must sign up to see Ms. Costello during a tutorial period to discuss the reasoning for the original poor performance.
 - This must be done within one week of the date of the original summative assessment.
 - If a student fails to show up for their tutorial appointment, the retake or re-do will not be allowed.
- Regarding labs as summative assessments, labs can be corrected to earn back half of the missed points. Any lab that receives a 74 or lower grade must be corrected. (Please see the lab policy section on the previous page.)
- Every single lab must be turned in and acceptable to take the final exam and NYS Regents exam in June (failure to do so results in automatic failure of the course) (please see lab policy section on the previous page.)
- Cell phones are not to be in use during instructional time. Failure to comply will result in consequences previously stated in this document.

Student's Printed Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____