



## Regents Living Environment 2023-2024

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This is a small ratio Regents Life Science course. All students enrolled in this class will take the Living Environment Regents exam at the end of the school year. We will cover topics from the human body & its systems, to genetics, evolution and ecology.

### **Course Materials:**

- Pens/Pencils
- Student assigned device
- Durable Pocket Folder

*\*All additional materials such as homework packets, guided notes packets, videos, and projects will be posted on google classroom. Hard copies will be passed out in class as needed.*

### **Technology needs:**

All apps and programs are school approved and use will be reviewed in class. Sign in access is always through your school Gmail account login information.

You will use:

1. Google Classroom  
(download the app)
2. EdPuzzle
3. Kami to enter information  
on PDFs
4. Youtube

### **Grading:**

- Assessments: 40%
  - This includes any tests or projects that will be given at the end of each unit. Students will be given ample time to study and prepare for these.
- Participation: 30%
  - This includes homework packets, classwork, and any remote video lessons
  - Review **In Class Expectations** below for further participation ideas.
- Labs: 30%
  - Successful completion of the laboratory program is required to take the Regents exam in June.
  - Make up labs- labs must be made up immediately upon your return to school

## Student Expectations

### In Class

- LATENESS TO CLASS IS UNACCEPTABLE WITHOUT A VALID REASON. Students who are continually late will receive a contact to their parents and possible administrative referral.
- ALL CELLPHONE will be quieted and put away, a wall pouch is provided for those who feel they can not successfully keep their phone away.
  - If you continue to check, look at, use your cell phone without permission you a contact home will follow a possible administrative referral.
- All students are expected to come to class on time with their guided notes and HW packets ready to learn
- Students will be expected to follow all safety and social distancing protocols
  - Still recommended to use of hand sanitizer upon entering/leaving the classroom
- Students are expected to participate in a positive and constructive manner
- Participation will consist of answering questions asked of any individual; reading out loud and or contributing to the subject being studied
- Late assignments will be accepted for a reduced grade.

### At Home

- Paper assignments will be started in class then taken home to complete.
- Note can be filled out in digital format or in hard copy if requested.
- All students must log in to google classroom to complete classwork, homework and assignments.
- Students should complete video lessons and assignments by the due date **and time**
- Late assignments will be accepted for a reduced grade.

### **Labs:**

- Conduct: The purpose of the lab is to give you some experience in “being a scientist”. These experiences will include safely following prescribed lab procedures and handling delicate and costly equipment. Students who fail to conduct themselves appropriately will be removed from the lab. Furthermore, a student may be held financially responsible for damage of the equipment through carelessness or misuse.
- Preparation: Since all labs have a limited amount of working time, it is essential that the student comes to the lab prepared to work. **Absences from lab days are discouraged.**

## Lab section continued

- Laboratory Requirements: The successful completion of the laboratory program is a prerequisite for the admission to the Regents exam in June. This includes the complete and satisfactorily written lab reports collected and kept in the lab folder.
- Make-up Labs: Absences on lab days should be avoided whenever possible. If you miss a lab period, plan on making up the missed lab work as soon as you return to school. Missed labs **MUST** be made up.

## Quarter/Midterm/ Regents Exam description and grade weight

*\*These will be subject to change based on the state and district decisions*

- Quarters: Each of the four quarters is worth 21% of your total grade.
- Midterms: There will be a cumulative midterm exam given at the midpoint of the year. Dates of these exams will be announced to students with sufficient time to prepare. The Midterm exam counts as 6% of your total grade
- Regents Exam: Students will take the Living Environment Regents exam in June. This will count towards 10% of your final grade.

### PARENTS:

- Please reach out at any time, my email is the quickest way to get a hold of me.
- PARENTS SHOULD CHECK GOOGLE CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL TOOL PARENT PORTAL TO REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADES ON A REGULAR BASES.

We look forward to having a successful year!

In an effort to confirm parents and students review the class syllabus please print and send back or use Kami to insert your name and date via text box, as well sign below using the draw tool.

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Student name

Date

Student signature

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Parent name

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Parent signature