

**Biology Course Syllabus
2017-2018**

Teacher Info	Ms. Renee Yafuso E202 p. 5/6: Ms. Courtenay Bell bellc@luhsd.net Email: yafusor@luhsd.net Instagram: msYbiology B109										
Course Description	We will be studying living organisms and their environment. Units we will cover include: Scientific Method, Evolution, Ecology, Bio-Chemistry, The Cell, Cell Division, DNA, Genetics, Protein Synthesis, and Physiology.										
Materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Science 3-ring binder or 3-prong folder or notebook – for science only. 2. ID Card 3. Pencils, pens, binder paper, colored pencils, index cards, and a glue stick. 4. Materials for in class projects – advance notice will be given <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Poster board, markers, etc. 										
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Absences	You are able to make up any work that is missed for excused absences. You must make an appointment with me to get the missing work. Appointments are before and after school or at lunch. <u>You may not get missing assignments during class time.</u> You should check my teacher website for handouts or presentation slides for the days you missed.										
Late Work	Late work will be accepted. It will be graded after all current work is graded. All late work must be turned in no later than 2 weeks before finals. 20% will be taken off for every week the assignment is late.										
Re-Do's	Some projects may be redone to fix errors on your first drafts. There may be other requirements to show me you have learned the material. You can receive partial credit when you fix all the errors in your work.										
Test Re-Take Policy	Re-takes or make-up tests must be completed within 2 weeks of the test You will be required to complete an additional homework assignment to show you have studied the section and will turn it in before you do the re-take. If you do not complete the assignment, you will not be allowed to re-take that section of the test. You can earn up to 100% on a re-take. Re-takes are done by appointment before or after school.										
Equality	Fair doesn't always mean equal. My job as your biology teacher is to ensure you learn the content standards for biology. Some students may need more practice than others. Some students may need more challenging assignments than others.										
Cheating / Plagiarism Policy	Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated. If you are caught cheating or plagiarizing an assignment (or allowing someone to copy yours) you will get a zero and not be able to make it up. If you are caught cheating on a test, you will be required to come in before or after school to take a re-take. A parent meeting will also be required for any of the above offenses.										
Student Expectations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be in your seat when bell rings. 2. No food or drinks. 3. No cell phones. 4. No body spray or cologne – use deodorant instead. 5. music playing in earphones/headphones only when allowed by teacher. 6. Show respect for self, others, and property at all times. 7. Honesty is the best policy – no cheating, plagiarism, or copying 										
Tardy Policy	If you are not <u>in your seat</u> when the bell rings you will be marked tardy.										
Cell phone policy	If I see your phone or see you using it in class I will take it and send your building office. No exceptions.										

If you have any questions please let me know. I look forward to partnering with you to make this year a success. Take this home and have your parents/guardians complete and sign the bottom of this page. Return it to me by August 2A/3B, 2017 (or by our next class).

I _____, have read and understand the expectations for Ms. Yafuso's biology class.
(print student name)

Period: _____

Student Signature

Date

I have read and understand the expectations of my child in Ms. Yafuso's biology class.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please provide the following information:

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Home Number: _____

Work Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Best Time/Method to reach you: _____

Additional
Information: _____
