

WHAT TO EXPECT

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Google Classroom code: _____

Remind code: _____

Welcome to College Anatomy/Genetics. You are about to embark on an amazing journey. I will do my best to make this year fun and interesting. There are a few things to remember in order to be successful in class.

Basics- Please be in your seat by the bell and ready to begin by having something to write with and cell phones away!

Supplies-

- One of the following: folder/small binder/section of a larger binder
- Pens/pencils

Be Positive/Mature-This is a college level course and we will talk about a lot of mature topics. You are entitled to your opinion, but remember to be respectful.

Tests (60%)-They are a necessary evil. Each test will be composed of multiple-choice questions, modified true/false questions, diagrams, word problems as well as short essays. In addition to questions related to the current topic, you will be introduced to ACT questions. These have a very specific style and can be easily answered with very little science background. I will teach you several tricks to prepare you for this exam as well as higher level reading questions for the future.

The “cheat sheet”-The day before each test you will be given a large index card. You will be able to write or draw anything you want on the card. You need to bring the card and use it on your tests. This card will count for points on your actual test.

Here is how your first 10 points of every test will start.

Begin to create your card in class	2 points
Have your notes completely filled in	3 points
Bring your completed card to test	5 points

EXTRA CREDIT-ACT questions will be given to you for a maximum extra credit of 5 points.

Each test will have a maximum score of 100.

Cell Phones-These are one of the most amazing inventions and are a huge part of our life. I ask you to please keep them in your bag or pocket during our lessons. If I have to continually ask you to put your phone away there will be consequences.

Once we are done for the day, you can check any important messages you may have missed. I'm sure you will be telling everyone how great class was today.

Internet Projects (30%)-About 5-7 times a marking period we will use the computers and work on a Google Slides presentation relating to topics in the current unit we are working on. You will have the entire period to work on each project. One period is enough time to get it done. Once the project is done you will have two choices. The first is to call me over and I will grade it on the spot, then you can submit it via Google Classroom. If you are not done during the period you will have until Sunday at midnight to submit the project. These account for 30% of your grade, so take them very seriously.

Doing your work/grade it in class/submit on time	No penalty
Up to one week late	Lose 10 points off of the lowest grade
More than one week late	Lose 35 points off of the lowest grade
Fooling around during project time	Lose 20 points

****If you are doing other work while your partner completes the project you will receive a ZERO.**

The projects are due the Sunday after they are assigned even if you are absent. You will be notified about the projects via Google Classroom and the assignment sheets can be found on our website.

Homework (10%)-You will be given homework several times during the course of a unit. I will give you plenty of time in class to start it and many of you will finish it before the bell rings. If you do not complete the homework at the end of class, you can finish it at home. I will check the homework for completeness. If you do not have your homework, you will receive a **ZERO and you cannot make it up.**

Keep this in your notebook or folder so you always know that you are in control of what happens to you. If you follow the simple timeline, do your work, contribute to class discussions and keep your phone in your pocket or bag, you will have an amazing year. If you have any questions at any time, please don't hesitate to contact me.

By signing below you acknowledge all of the terms of this document. I will keep a copy and you should keep a copy in your folder so you always know how your grade will be calculated.

Signature

Date