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Course Description:

This course includes labs, projects, and notes. Course content encompasses the 10 units listed below. Students should be prepared to conduct projects and write a formal lab report. Instruction centers around inquiry-based learning that is incorporated into class activities. Learning activities include teacher-led instruction, group work, student seatwork, project-based learning, and lab exercises with both student-choice and teacher-choice grouping. Students can expect to start each day with a bell ringer assignment followed by learning activities and/or lectures. Real-world application is a daily objective. Higher-level thinking will be incorporated into each lesson as well as the use of technology when applicable to increase student achievement. Students are expected to participate in all activities and actively engage and ask questions during teacher-led lectures.

Learning Standards/Targets:

Biology A

- Unit 1: What is Biology?
 - *Develop an understanding of what science is and how empirical and historical science are different.*
 - *Develop a general appreciation for how the science of biology came to be what it is today.*
 - *Understand some of the major areas of study with-in the subject of biology.*
- Unit 2: Chemistry
 - *Be able to describe simple atoms or molecules according to their chemical nomenclature.*
 - *Be able to describe the structure of and solve simple equations relating to atoms, molecules, and macromolecules.*
- Unit 3: BioMolecules
 - *Be able to classify each of the four macromolecules according to their monomer and polymer.*
 - *Give examples of each type of macromolecule in operation in a living system.*
- Unit 4: Cells
 - *Develop an understanding of Cell theory and its implications for spontaneous generation.*
 - *Be able to describe the function of the chloroplast, the mitochondria, ATP, CO₂, and O₂ in the cell.*
 - *Be able to describe in a general way how cells obtain, store, and use energy via glycolysis, aerobic respiration, fermentation, and photosynthesis*
- Unit 5: Membranes
 - *Understand how the cell membrane contributes to and is responsible for maintaining the intracellular*

environment.

- *Be able to describe why a cell would bulge, shrivel, or burst due to osmotic pressure.*

Biology B

- Unit 6: Division
 - *Understand cellular division, both mitosis and meiosis and have a conceptual understanding of the abnormality of this process associated with cancer*
 - *Understand that disruptions in the cell cycle can lead to the development of cancer.*
 - *Be able to describe and solve simple problems related to DNA replication.*
- Unit 7: Proteins
 - *Be able to describe, and solve simple problems related to, the flow of information at a molecular level in the cell, including the processes of transcription, and translation.*
- Unit 8: Genetics
 - *Understand the Mendelian principles of dominant/recessive relationships, segregation, and, importantly, APPLY these principles to solving problems related to them*
 - *Solve more complex genetic problems including dihybrid crosses, polygenic traits, and sex linked traits.*
- Unit 9: Ecology
 - *Understand and apply species concepts, ecological and geographical data, and biochemical features to an understanding of classification, including cladistic methods*
 - *Be able to relate the body plan and design of animals to the cladistic analysis of animal phyla*
- Unit 10: Evolution
 - *Be able to describe the process of natural selection and explain how it can lead to changes in a population's gene pool over time.*
 - *Understand and critically analyze Darwin's view of evolution by natural selection, and how more recent contributions, most notably an understanding of genetics, have altered, affected, or modified how scientists think of evolutionary processes.*

Instructional Materials:

- Texts: Inspire Biology – Copyright © 2020 McGraw-Hill Education
- Film, Videos/Other Electronic Media: The Royal Tainted Blood Documentary, Galapagos Darwin Documentary, Nova Documentaries, Crash Course Biology Videos, Osmosis Jones (Cell Biology) Movie. Khan Academy videos, Bozeman Science Videos.
- Novels: NA
- Other (Articles, etc.): Current event articles as the year progresses and case studies possible if time allows.
- Guest Speakers: N/A

All Instructional Materials must comply with CCSD School Board [Policy IIA](#) & [Policy IIA-AR](#). A copy of the core and supplemental curriculum will be available in the curriculum office for review.

A classroom teacher receiving a complaint regarding instructional materials shall try to resolve the issue informally through the discussion of the original assignment or the opportunity for an alternative assignment.

Notification of the Right to Object to the Use of Material:

Any resident of the district may raise objection to instructional materials used in the district's educational program despite the fact that the individuals selecting such materials were duly qualified to make the selection and followed the proper procedure and observed the criteria for selecting such material.

The first step in expressing objection to materials is consultation with the classroom teacher or library staff and providing a written complaint. The district official or staff member initially receiving a complaint shall explain to the complainant the district's selection

procedure, criteria and qualifications of those persons selecting the material. A classroom teacher receiving a complaint regarding instructional materials shall try to resolve the issue informally through the discussion of the original assignment or the opportunity for an alternative assignment. The materials shall remain in use unless removed through the procedure in section 4. F. (2) of this regulation.

The teacher or library staff receiving the initial complaint shall advise the principal of the initial contact within 24 hours, whether or not the complainant has apparently been satisfied by the initial contact. A written record of the contract shall be maintained by the principal and sent to the superintendent's office.

In the event that the person making an objection to the material is not satisfied with the initial explanation or an alternative assignment, the person raising the questions will meet with a building administrator who will provide a Request for Reconsideration form.

For more details, see [CCSD School Board Policy IIA-AR](#).

Citizenship, Classroom Rules, Behavior Expectations:

- *The Board expects student conduct to contribute to a productive learning climate. Students shall comply with the district's policies, administrative regulations, school and classroom written rules, pursue the prescribed course of study, submit to the lawful authority of teachers and school officials and conduct themselves in an orderly manner during the school day and during district-sponsored activities.*

Careful attention shall be given to procedures and methods whereby fairness and consistency without bias in discipline shall be assured to each student. The objectives of disciplining any student must be to help the student develop a positive attitude toward self-discipline, realize the responsibility of one's actions and maintain a productive learning environment.

- *See [CCSD Board Policy JFC](#) for more details.*

Class Expectations

- *Students are expected to be present and active members of the classroom every day.*
- *Students are expected to come to class prepared with all necessary materials and completed assignments to learn and participate in all lectures and activities.*
- *Students are expected to be respectful of the teacher, the classroom, and their peers.*

Class Discipline

Students who are not acting present, coming prepared, and being respectful will earn one of the following consequences:

- *Warning in class*
- *Teacher/Student conference during or after class AND parent contact*
- *Lunch detention AND parent contact*
- *Written referral and sent to the office during activity/lab AND parent contact*

Any student caught cheating on an assignment will receive a zero and be referred to the Principal. There will be a makeup assignment created in the case of cheating, that will need to be completed to make up for the assignment/assessment that the student was caught cheating on.

*CCHS places a high value on the integrity of its student scholars. In addition, realize that all work you turn in **MUST** be your original work. All answers and writing must be your own. Any writing you include that was not yours from any source must be in quotations and attributed to the original author. **Do not plagiarize!***

Grading System:

- *The district's grading system shall be based on Board-adopted course content and is designed to enable the student and parent to clearly know how well the student is achieving course requirements at the student's current grade level or course content level and be based on the student's progress toward mastery of a continuum of knowledge and skills*

outlined in Oregon State Standards. Absenteeism or misconduct shall not be the sole criterion for the reduction of students' grades. Behavioral performance shall be reported separately. The district will use letter grades (A,B,C,D,F) that can be converted into a 4 to 0 reporting system in grades 6-12. All AP courses are graded on a 5.0 grading scale.

- Grades will be based on many factors, such as: basic instructional assignments, both oral and written; results from various assessment instruments, including critical content short cycle assessments as well as quizzes and exams; class participation; special assignments; research; activities of various types of kinds and special contributions.
- See CCSD School Board [Policy IKA](#), [Policy IK](#), & [Policy IK-AR](#) for more details.

Grading Scale:

- A+: 100-98 A: 97-93 A-: 92-90
- B+: 89-88 B: 87-83 B-: 82-80
- C+: 79-78 C: 77-73 C-: 72-70
- D+: 69-68 D: 67-63 D-: 60-62
- F: 59-0

Course Grading Criteria/Weighting

- Assessment, Projects, Quizzes, Assessments of Learning Standards: 80% → (50% Tests, 20% Labs/Projects, 10% Quizzes)
- Notebooks & Workbooks: 20%

Grades will be derived from a combination of the following:

- Daily Assignment/Homework
- Lab Work
- Projects
- Quizzes
- Exams
- Class Participation

**[Policy IK-AR](#): Achievement of learning standards will be assessed separately from behavior.*

Make Up Policy:

- 1) **Assessment Retakes:** [Policy IK-AR](#) Teachers will provide students with multiple opportunities to demonstrate mastery of each standard. Students will be provided with at least two opportunities to retake assessments. A student who retakes an assessment will not be penalized. Teachers can modify assessments (more rigorous to account for greater time allowed for preparation.) Teachers will determine student requirements for assessment retakes that align with Policy IK-AR.
- 2) **Homework/Daily Work:** Achievement of learning standards will be assessed separately from behavior (i.e. attendance, disruption, late work, tardiness, preparation, effort, attitude, etc.). Teachers may set guidelines around submission timelines, as this category is tied to learning progress, please refer to policy IK-AR. → **Students will have 2 weeks from the due date of an assignment to turn in the assignment for credit.**

**For all courses that articulate with a college or university, it is required that the syllabi match the accrediting institution, rather than the CCSD syllabus model.*

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____