

Great Neck South High School
Living Environment 2015-2016
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Course Description

“A study of plant and animal characteristics, interactions, and physiology is the basis of this course. Emphasis is placed on living organisms and their interrelationships with the environment. Laboratory work is designed to further the spirit of science as inquiry. The Living Environment Regents Examination will be the final exam for this course.”

Course Expectations

Show up on time every day. Be prepared to work hard and be willing to learn! Maintain a safe and respectful environment for one’s self, peers, and the instructor. Be aware of school academic integrity policies for all class work- including homework, labs, tests, projects...etc. When in doubt...ask!

Materials:

- **Text: Biology: The Study of Life Schraer and Stoltze**
- Hard binder (1/2 to 1 inch) **or** folder with fasteners for Lab Manual
- If you will not be using your iPad for notes, please have a 1.5 inch binder with loose leaf or notebook
- 2- two pocket folders
- Fully charged and functioning iPad (once they are distributed)
- Blue/black pen, pencil, colored pencils, and a highlighter must be present at all times
- Highly recommended (not a requirement) for convenience: Stylus for iPad, mini-stapler, USB drive

Grading Policy:

1. **Exams 65%**
 - a. Unit tests will be given at the culmination of each unit or when instructor sees fit. Exams date will be announced at least 3 days in advance. Exam days are on Wednesday’s this year.
 - b. Exams may be comprehensive
 - c. Cheating on an exam will result in a zero (0%), detention, and a call home.
 - d. You may not use white out or erasable pens on an exam or quiz. Only pencil and blue/black pens.
2. **Quizzes: 15%**
 - a. Expect quizzes on a weekly basis
 - b. Quizzes will be administrated as the teacher sees fit. They may or may not be announced and may be a homework assignment.
 - c. To be successful you should be reviewing your notes daily, completing homework and reading assignments, and actively seek help when needed.
3. **Laboratories: 10%**
 - a. Students must be prepared for the lab with lab materials and goggles.
 - b. Penalty for lateness: half a letter reduction/day; no credit for lab after one week.
 - c. Labs will generally be collected at the end of that lab class.
 - d. If you are absent for a lab, you must schedule a make-up date for the lab within two days of your return.
 - e. “Only those students who have satisfactorily met the laboratory requirement as stated in the state syllabus for a science shall be admitted to a Regent’s examination in such science.” – Board of

