# Great Neck South High School Living Environment 2015-2016 Instructor: Miss Cum

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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: <u>Biology: The Study of Life</u> 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, <u>you must schedule</u> 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

Regents 1979. There is 1200 minutes of lab time including four required state labs. All labs must be handed in (whether or not credit was received) to satisfy NYS Requirements.

#### 4. **Homework: 10%**

- a. Cheating on homework assignments will not be tolerated. Do not share/give your work and do not take someone else's work.
- b. Some written home works will be collected and graded. Make sure you have access to the online textbook and constantly utilize this textbook!!
- c. If homework is forgotten (at home or in your locker) or late it will not be accepted and you will receive a zero (0) for that homework.
- d. Absences will not excuse you from homework. When you are absent, you must ask your fellow students for the notes and assignments that you missed or check my website. It is your responsibility to know the due dates and complete any missed work on your own time. You must show the instructor all missed assignments (I will not remind you).
- e. Always follow the format and expectations explained in class.

### Each student will be taking the Living Environment Regents in June: 11-12% of final course grade

- Regents review will begin early May.
- Students must complete four required state labs and 1200 minutes of lab time to qualify.

\*If a student is legally absent, any test or quiz must be made up in a timely manner or a ZERO will be given. Always plan ahead! If you know you will be absent for an extended period of time, please see me so we can make arrangements. Any illegal absences will not be granted the opportunities listed above; as such, there are no make ups and a zero will automatically be given.

\*Any projects, or long term assignments, that are handed in late will result in a lower grade.

### Miss C's schedule:

Other than my extra help day on Tuesday afternoon, please feel free to see me for extra help on my free periods (so long as you have a free as well. You may not cut another class for extra help, make-ups, or general questions...ever!). If you would like a pass from your study hall, please see me in advance.

Period/Time	Day A	Day B
1 → 7:59 – 8:39	Teach	Teach
2 → 8:43 – 9:26	Teach	
3 → 9:30 – 10:10		
4 → 10:14 - 10:54	Teach	Teach
5 → 10:58 - 11:38	Teach	Teach
6 → 11:42 - 12:22	Teach	Teach
7 → 12:26 – 1:06	Lunch	Lunch
8 <b>→</b> 1:10 − 1:50		
9 → 1:54 – 2:33	Study Hall Rm 705	Study Hall Rm 705

Extra Help: Tuesday afternoon
Testing Day: Wednesday

I have read and understood the course requirements. I am aware of the responsibilities in the classroom and in the laboratory and agree to adhere to the stipulations of the contract.

Student name (print)	Student Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian name (print)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date