

WELCOME TO MS. WAGONER'S BIOLOGY CLASS

Dear Parents and Students:

First let me say how excited I am about the upcoming school year! I am looking forward to a very productive year. I am sending home a list of classroom rules and procedures to make you aware of my expectations for each student. The science classroom is a place for learning and exploring; the policies below are designed to encourage students to be good citizens and create a classroom atmosphere conducive to learning. I am also including some supplies that will be needed. Please let me know if there are any problems so that we can make arrangements as soon as possible. Please don't hesitate to contact me throughout the year. I look forward to meeting all of you!

Contact Information

Email: Emily.Wagoner@risd.org ***Best Option***

Phone: 469-593-5105

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/wagoner-biology>

Classroom Rules

1. I, the teacher, have the right to teach.
2. Every student here has the right to learn.
3. Nobody is allowed to violate either of these rights.

Policy on Cheating

Cheating will not be tolerated. If a student cheats or helps another student cheat, they will receive a zero for the assignment and be referred to their assistant principal. In addition, their parents/guardians will be notified of the incident.

Definition of Cheating: Giving someone else's answer as your own on a test, quiz, lab, homework, or using notes or other deceptions to inflate your grade.

Materials Needed:

- General school supplies (loose leaf paper, writing utensils, highlighters, etc.)
- 1 box Kleenex tissues

Grade Calculation

Tests 40%
Quizzes 25%
Labs 20%
Daily/HW/Notes 15%

Course Outline

FALL

Unit 1: Characteristics of Life
Unit 2: Interdependence of Organisms
Unit 3: Taxonomy & Classification
Unit 4: Evolution
Unit 5: Heredity
Unit 6: Biomolecules
Unit 7: Cells & Life

SPRING

Unit 8: Energy Conversion in Cells
Unit 9: Protein Production in Cells
Unit 10: The Cell Cycle
Unit 11: Homeostasis in Cells
Unit 12: Interactions of Plant Systems
Unit 13: Interactions of Animal Systems

Classroom Procedures:

1. **Warm-Ups**- Every day when you enter the classroom there will be a warm-up assignment. I expect you to arrive to class on time with all of your supplies (notebook, writing utensil, homework) and copy the warm-up assignment on your warm-up sheet and begin working quietly and *by yourself*.
2. **Tardies**- You are considered tardy if you are not in the classroom when the bell rings. A tardy student will then proceed to the nearest tardy station where they will be issued a tardy pass. A valid, stamped tardy pass is required to enter the classroom. There are no exceptions.
3. **Seating**- There will be a seating chart. This is how I will take attendance.
4. **Homework**- Homework will be turned in at the beginning of class on the day that it is due.
5. **Late Work**- All assignments should be completed neatly and on time. However, late work will be accepted late for a 10 point penalty the next day, or 10 point penalty if turned in before the end of each unit.
6. **Make-Up Work**- If you are absent, it is your responsibility to ensure you complete all makeup work. All handouts missed can be found in your hanging file folder. If you miss a test or quiz, you must talk to me the day you return to schedule a time to retake the test. A missed test should be made up BEFORE the next unit test.
7. **Tests**- Absolutely no talking during the test. If you are talking, I will assume you are cheating. If you are caught using an electronic device during or after an exam, I will assume you are cheating. Refer to the "Policy on Cheating" above. All students will allowed to do test corrections in class and re-test to show mastery of the content. You must submit your test review packet and complete test corrections to be eligible for any bonus points, curves, or retest opportunities.
8. **Labs**- Labs are an important part of Biology and this year we will spend 40% of class time in the lab. We may deal with dangerous materials during the course of the year. For this reason, the procedures in lab are very strict and non-negotiable to maintain safety for you and others. No student will be allowed to participate in a lab without a signed lab contract on file.
9. **Tutoring**- The Biology team's tutoring times are listed below. You can visit ANY teacher for assistance.

Coach Edge: Mon/Thurs AM (Small Gym)	Ms. Wagoner: Wed PM, Fri AM (A226)
Ms. Harvey: Tues/Wed AM, Tues/Thurs PM (A216)	Coach Key: Mon/Wed PM (D109)
10. **Leaving the Classroom/Restroom Policy**- If you need to leave the classroom during class for any reason, ask permission first. No one may leave the classroom for any reason within the first or last 10 minutes, per PHS policy. Only **ONE** person may leave the room at a time.

**On-Level Biology
Parent Acknowledgement Form**

Teacher: Emily Wagoner
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Please initial each statement below:

Student Parent

_____	_____	We know the best way to reach Ms. Harvey with questions or concerns.
_____	_____	We understand that test reviews and test corrections must be completed to be eligible for any bonus points, curves, or retest opportunities.
_____	_____	We are aware of the Biology team's tutoring schedule and know that a student can visit <u>any</u> Biology teacher's tutoring sessions.

I have read the class information document for Ms. Wagoner's class, understand them, and agree to abide by them. I agree that my education is primarily my responsibility and therefore, will attend class regularly and demonstrate initiative and responsibility. I also realize that any rule not covered here may be covered in the J. J. Pearce High School Student Handbook and agree to abide by those rules as well.

Student Printed Name: _____ **Class Period:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If I can, in any way, assist your learning or if you have any questions concerning this class please let me know: