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**Biology I 2017-2018**

**Mrs. Walker (Yates)**

**Room 207**

**Course Description**:

Biology I is a required course for graduation from high school in the state of Tennessee. The topics to be studied this year in Biology I include but are not limited to the Chemistry of Life, Cell Biology, Heredity/ Genetics, Biodiversity/Change in life, and Ecology. The coursework for this class includes wet labs with chemicals or other solutions, dry labs with observations and physical activity, research papers and presentations, tests, quizzes, and other various activities which will all be completed for a grade. The grading scale for this class is listed below, the grade required for graduation is a D, or a 70. The Tennessee State Biology I standards can be found at <https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/education/attachments/std_sci_3210.pdf> for more information.

**Your grade for this class will be calculated as follows**

* **Assignments (handouts, activities, etc.) 30%**
* **Quizzes (starter quizzes) 20%**
* **Tests 20%**
* **Weekly grade (starters) 15%**
* **Lab Reports/ Research papers 15%**
* **A 93-100**
* **B 85-92**
* **C 75-84**
* **D 70-74**
* **F 0-69**

**A little about Mrs. Walker**

This is my second year teaching at Sweetwater

 High school. I’m a Lee university graduate.

I really love Science and am very excited to be teaching it. The best way to contact me is by my school email, yatest@monroe.k12.tn.us. I check this email daily. For notes, starters, copies of this syllabus, and more information about this class, visit yateswalkerbiology.weebly.com

**Required materials for this class**

A binder or folder is required for this class as well as pencils/pens and paper. All materials for labs will be provided, however opportunities for extra credit will be available for students who would like to contribute to class supplies. These opportunities will be announced and are only available upon announcement.

\*if your student is not able to contribute when extra credit opportunities are available, alternative extra credit opportunities can be created.

**Listed below are the consequences for not following any of the classroom guidelines. Parents/ guardians, please be advised that you may be contacted if your student does not follow the classroom guidelines.**

**Classroom Guidelines**

1. No talking while Mrs. Walker is talking or during announcements.
2. Clean up after yourself
	* food/drink privileges can be revoked
3. Cell phones are not permitted at any time unless explicitly stated.
	* Cell phones/iPods/ Other electronics will be put in the cell phone day care center in the back of the room at the beginning of every class and will be retrieved 1 minute before the end of class.
	* Lack of cooperation will result in an office referral.
4. Treat everyone with kindness.
5. Do your best.

All SHS and Monroe County school guidelines are applicable and will be enforced.

**Consequences**

1st strike- Warning

2nd strike- verbal warning

3rd strike- Hallway conference

4th strike- Office referral

Attached is a lab safety contract, parents and students please read and sign both the safety contract as well as this syllabus. Both will be checked for a grade.

Also attached is a movie release form. Throughout this year, our class will be watching a variety of movies that will help inform our lessons. These movies include but are not limited to: Gattaca (1997 ,PG-13), The Lorax (2012, PG), Contagion (2011, PG-13). By signing this release form, you are permitting your student to view whatever movies are fitting to our topic. Obviously, discretion for language and Sexual content will be used when choosing such movies.

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Parent Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_