**Zoology Course Syllabus**

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**Course Description**: **NOTE—Dissecting is an integral part of this course. You will not receive credit without dissecting. Dissections are scheduled throughout the entire semester and will include grasshoppers, mudpuppies, sharks, perch, turtles, snakes, pigeons, rats, etc. There will be tests over the specimens.**  This course will emphasize scientific method, inquiry, and problem solving through the study of zoology.

**Materials**:

* + - 3 ring binder to take notes with and to keep all your papers in. Syllabus should be page 1 and Lab Safety Guidelines page 2.
    - Colored Pencils
    - Writing instrument—pencil or pen
    - Textbook

**Grading Policy**:

* + Grades will reflect the mastery of the skills and content taught
  + Students earn grades for participation in class, notebook, labs, assignments, quizzes, and tests.

Scale: **A**  100-90%

**B** 89-80%

**C** 79-70%

**D** 69-60%

**F** 59-0%

* You will have two project this semester, an insect collection and a bird photo collection.
  + Late Work can be turned in but may not receive full credit.
  + Exams and Labs must be made up within three days upon returning to school.
  + Caught cheating will result in a zero.
  + Extra credit—biweekly grade sheets signed by parent/guardian and returned.

**Classroom Expectations and Procedures:**

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1. Come to class every day with a positive, willing attitude and ready to be engaged in learning that day’s material.
2. Put forth your best effort! Grades are achieved; not received!
3. Be respectful and act like a decent person.

**Procedures:**

1. If you are not in the classroom when the bell rings, then you are tardy. As you enter class, you should look to get your notebook out and be in your assigned seat, which is permanent unless I move you.
2. Turning in homework. Homework should be turned into the box on the front teacher desk at the start of the hour or when asked for.
3. If you are absent from class it is your responsibility get your make-up work.
4. Lab Activities. During a lab activity you will be expected to follow directions as given for the safety of all. Disruptive individuals will be asked sit out of the lab and receive a zero.
5. This is a Lab Class, food is NOT allowed. Drinks are allowed in a closed container.
6. Chromebooks/Cell Phones/Electronic Devices should be turned off and put away while in the class unless otherwise instructed to use it in class. If caught using an electronic device you will be asked to put it away as your first warning. If it becomes a continued problem you will be reported to your Team Administrator for failing to comply with a reasonable request. Earbuds/headphones should be out of your ears during lecture, class discussions, activities and labs. Talking on your cell phone in class will result in an automatic office referral.
7. In case of Emergency please follow my instructions and procedural policies.

**Semester at a Glance**:

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| **First Quarter**  Scientific Method  Characteristics of Life  Cells Review  Evolution  Ecology  Classification  Animal Organization  Invertebrates | **Second Quarter**  Vertebrates   * Fish * Amphibians * Reptiles * Birds * Mammals |