

BIOLOGY PARENT / STUDENT CONTRACT

The purpose of the Biology contract is to provide information to parents and students, and to facilitate students' success in an academically challenging course. Please read the list of expectations carefully, and then sign below to confirm your commitment to Biology.

1. I recognize that participation in Biology requires me to:
 - Demonstrate increased student independence
 - Take on a high degree of responsibility
 - Come to class on time and fully prepared
 - Complete all assignments, including reading requirements and labs on time
2. I understand that Biology is the equivalent of a high level biology course, and therefore will require the same amount of homework and reading. (approximately 1 ½ hours nightly)
3. I understand that in order to cover all topics that may appear on the exam, this course must proceed at a rapid pace. Therefore, I agree that it is my responsibility to keep up with this pace and ask for extra help on any topic I am having difficulty with.
4. I recognize that attendance is critical to my success in this course and will make every effort to be present for each class and lab. In the event of absence, I will check the website for homework or assignments so that I do not fall behind.
5. I understand that projects and assignments may be given during holidays or school breaks, and I will complete them on time.
6. I recognize that my participation in class and as a group member is essential to the success of the entire class, and agree to contribute 100% to this common goal.
7. I understand that due to the challenging nature of this course and the test questions, my exam grades may not be as high as those in other high school level classes. These scores will improve with time, and are not the only components of my final grade.
8. I understand that at any time, if attendance, effort or performance is questionable, the Teacher may ask for a parent conference to decide whether or not I should continue in the Biology class.
9. I agree to speak with the Teacher immediately if I have any questions, concerns or suggestions that will enhance my learning in this class.
10. I agree to study and work in an honest and respectable manner.
11. I agree to come to class prepared and demonstrate a positive attitude in our learning environment.



Student Name (Print)

Student Signature

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Parent E-mail _____

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Ms. Rinaldo's & Mrs. Clisby's Academic Integrity Policy

SHOW INTEGRITY

SOcial RESPONSIBILITY

HONOR SELF & OTHERS

Academic Honesty is:	Cheating is:
Using the internet and other library materials for insight and research. Rewording and rephrasing facts, with proper documentation is acceptable.	Copying phrases or sentences word-for-word from any source, such as the Internet, text, or study guides. Not documenting information taken from sources also constitutes cheating.
Working together and discussing an assignment with classmates to develop ideas; however, writing papers and completing assignments independently.	Copying word for word or rephrasing any portion of a classmate's paper, notes, projects, lab notes, essays, worksheets or any other assigned material; knowingly providing other students with material that can assist them in cheating (including use of social media).
Studying for the test with notes and sharing ideas and notes on the material (not on test information) with classmates in preparation for the quiz or test.	Using any type of aid during a test that is not allowed by the teacher including, but not limited to: cheat sheets, formula or calculation, text messaging, wandering eye, crib notes, talking during a quiz or test.
Saying "I'm not sharing test information," creating a testing environment that is fair to all students.	Sharing what is on a test or quiz between classes or at lunch with students who have not taken the quiz or test.
Admitting you lost an assignment; accepting a low grade.	Falsifying the assignment using technology, i.e., computers, scanners, copier, etc.
Having your parent/guardian sign school paperwork as required.	Signing papers as your parent(s).

I have reviewed the policies listed above regarding academic integrity with my child and agree to abide by them.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date