



Beaver Dam High School Syllabus

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| Department: Science School Year: 2014-2015 Course: Biology Grade Level: 9 Required Materials: <i>Textbook provided in class as a resource material</i> | | Course Resources: <i>Whiteboard markers</i> <i>Spiral-bound notebook</i> <i>Folder</i> <i>Red pen</i> <i>Colored pencils</i> <i>#2 pencils</i> Prerequisites: <i>A positive attitude and willingness to learn.</i> | | |
| Course Description: <i>First term will focus on characteristics of living things, biochemistry, energy use, photosynthesis, and ecology. The second term will emphasize respiration, cell division, genetics and inheritance, and evolution – unity and diversity. This course will include laboratory activities.</i> | | | | |
| Units Covered: From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity | | | | |
| Summative Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quizzes • Tests • Projects • Formal Labs | | Routine Assessments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily work • Science Notebook • Informal Labs | | |
| Courses at BDHS run in a flexible schedule format. See selection to right for this course's format: | <u>One-Term 90</u> <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Two-Term 90</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <u>All-Year 45</u> <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>Other</u> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| School-wide Grading Procedures: Assessments 85% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine 30% (of assessment grade) • Summative 70% (of assessment grade) Cumulative Final 15% | | | | |
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Summative Assessments: *(this shall constitute 70% of the term grade)*

Our goal is to assess what the students have learned from what we have taught. Summative assessments reflect the format and content of the formative learning opportunities.

Make-up Policy for Summative Assessment: *The student may redo the summative assessment one time within one week after completing all formative tasks, and necessary additional learning. It is the student's responsibility to advocate for this opportunity and make the necessary arrangements.*

Cumulative Final: *At the end of the semester, there will be a cumulative final exam. Students will not be allowed to retake this assessment. This will comprise 15% of the semester grade.*

School-wide Grading Scale:

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| A+ | 98-100 | C+ | 77-79 |
| A | 93-97 | C | 73-76 |
| A- | 90-92 | C- | 70-72 |
| B+ | 87-89 | D+ | 67-69 |
| B | 83-86 | D | 63-66 |
| B- | 80-82 | D- | 60-62 |

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