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Welcome to High School Biology! My name is Arlevia Davis. This will be my 15th year of teaching. I am very excited to return to Legacy HS this year. I can’t wait to share my love for Biology with you. On this page, you will find the expectations in my Biology class.

## Course Information

This course provides a general knowledge of the natural order of living organisms and their relationship with the environment. Biology is a course that is tested by the state at the end of the school year (EOC). Laboratory procedures, observation, measurement, classification, prediction, and reporting skills will be emphasized. A detailed course information page can be viewed at <http://www.mansfieldisd.org/page.cfm?p=4917>.

I also have a website, [www.adavisscience.weebly.com](http://www.adavisscience.weebly.com), where all information will be stored and distributed. To receive reminder Text messages with important information about the class text @adavbio2 to 81010.

## Behavioral Expectations

* Be in your assigned seat ready to learn with all materials when the bell rings.
* I am here to teach. You are here to learn. Anything that interferes with that will not be accepted.
* Show respect to everyone and everything in the classroom. This includes other students and school property as well as the teacher.
* Class begins with the bell and ends when you are dismissed, not when the bell rings.
* **No cell phones allowed.** If an electronic device is needed, students will use the iPad provided by the school or a device that is NOT a cell phone.

## Consequences

* Verbal warning
* Change in seating or isolation
* Teacher detention
* Parent contact
* Office referral (major disruptions or defiance will automatically receive an office referral)

## Textbooks

Our textbook is online. Students will NOT be receiving a textbook, as it is online. Each student will be issued a username and password.

<http://my.hrw.com/>

If you do not have an iPad or internet access at home, the LHS library is open for student use before or after school. The Mansfield public library has public computers.

## Materials

Freshman students are required to keep a 3-ring binder. All Biology assignments, notes, labs, etc. are to be kept in a 1-SUBJECT 5 STAR NOTEBOOK in the designated section. I am very specific as to how the science notebook should be organized. This will be checked periodically (weekly) as a grade.

Students should also have and bring to class the following supplies daily:

Pen/pencil **iPad**

Highlighter Notebook (1-subject 5 STAR SPIRAL/SEMESTER)

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| **Class Period** | **Materials to Bring** |
| **1st** | **1pack Sharpies** |
| **2nd**  | **6 glue sticks** |
| **4th**  | **Markers and Map pencils** |
| **5th** | **Markers and 2 Glue Sticks** |
| **6th**  | **Clorox Wipes** |
| **7th**  | **1pack Sharpies** |

I like to have a “Community Supply” of school supplies in the classroom so students have less to carry and remember. This method is less expensive and easier for parents and students. To build the Community Supply I ask students bring certain items according to their class period. If every student does their part, we will have enough supplies for the school year. Please check the list below to see what supplies your child should contribute to the Community Supply.

**Science safety**

We will go over safety procedures in class and an agreement will be sent home. Please make sure that you read and sign the agreement and return it to me. If a student has not done the class work/homework leading up to the lab, that student may not be allowed to participate and will have an alternative assignment.

**Grading Policy**

* Daily/Homework/Quizzes 20%
* Labs 30%
* Tests/Projects 50%

Any incidence of plagiarism or cheating will result in a grade of zero on that assignment with no opportunity for remediation.

A failed test can be corrected, **according to teacher’s instructions**, to bring up the grade.

**Make-up work**

Make-up work is the responsibility of the student. Students are to check the make-up board for any missed assignments. One day is allowed for each day absent. Tests must be made up at school by appointment.

**Homework**

*Any work not completed in class must be finished at home, but is considered unfinished classwork*. Homework will be assigned on a weekly basis. This allows for more in depth exploration than is possible in class. It also provides an opportunity for students to develop time management, study and organizational skills, and time to review what has been learned in class.

**Late Work**

Late work will be accepted up to 1 class day for a maximum grade of a 70.

**Tutoring**

A tutoring schedule is posted outside of each Biology classroom. Students are welcome to come to any listed session. Please understand that I am not available for tutoring everyday. The Biology Department works as a team to accommodate all students. If I am not available, ANY biology teacher is willing to help your child.

**It’s great to be part of Bronco Nation! We are going to have a terrific year!**

**Arlevia Davis**