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***Welcome*** to High School Biology! My name is Arlevia Davis and this will be my 18th year of teaching.I am very excited about the school year. We have a lot to accomplish, but we will work together to achieve our goal. ***What is the goal?*** The goal is for you to ***experience success in this class and LIFE***. Therefore, we will do whatever it takes for you to be successful. **Failure is not an option.** Below you will find information that will get us started on our journey to success.

## Course Information

This course provides a general knowledge 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-End of Course). Laboratory procedures, observation, measurement, classification, prediction, and reporting skills will be emphasized. A detailed course information page can be viewed at [9th Grade Curriculum](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OxaBDXeOvej6Q9A1a4z_CHrho2_CHN7HJMAkeYWjG6U/edit?pli=1#gid=1262626355).

I also have a website, [www.adavisscience.weebly.com](http://www.adavisscience.weebly.com), and CANVAS 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 with dividers and planner. All Biology assignments, notes, labs, etc. are to be kept in the binder in the designated section. I am very specific as to how the science notebook should be organized. This will be checked periodically as a grade.

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

Pen/pencil **iPad**

Highlighter binder with paper AND dividers

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. These items will be lift in the classroom. 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. Please feel to send extra supplies of any kind. We appreciate your support of our learning.

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| **Class Period** | **Materials to Bring** |
| **1ST**  | **6 glue sticks** |
| **3RD**  | **Markers and Map pencils** |
| **4TH** | **Markers and Map pencils** |
| **5TH**  | **2 boxes Kleenex** |
| **6TH**  | **Hand Sanitizer** |
| **7TH**  | **Disinfecting Wipes**  |

**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 RETAKEN, **according to teacher’s instructions**, to bring up the grade. To retake a test students must first complete remediation work and attend tutoring BEFORE they can retake a failed test.

**Make-up work**

Make-up work is the responsibility of the student. Students are to CHECK CANVAS for any missed assignments. arleviadavis@misdmail.org. One day is allowed for each day absent. Tests must be made up at school by appointment.

**Homework**

You will have homework everyday. STUDY 15 minutes or more every night.

*Any work not completed in class must be finished at home, but is considered unfinished classwork*. Additional homework will be assigned on an as needed 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.

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All students will have the opportunity to earn extra credit based upon class participation. During class discussions any student that participates by answering question or making relevant comments will receive stamps. Those stamps can be turned in at the end of the six weeks for extra credit points. You are responsible for keeping up with your stamp card.

**Tutoring**

A tutoring schedule is posted outside of each Biology classroom, on my personal and campus website. Students are welcome to come to any listed session. Please understand that I am not available for tutoring everyday. The Advanced 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**