

The Living Environment: Course Syllabus

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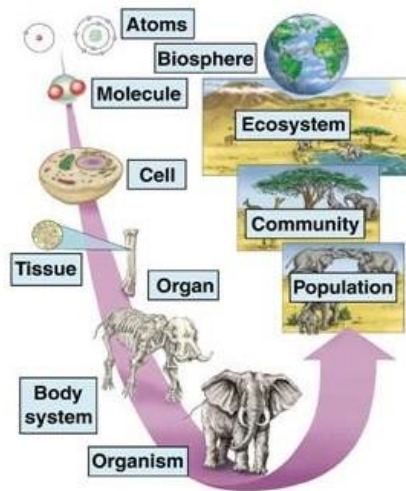
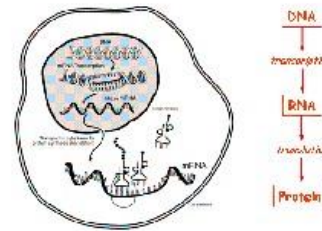
"Everything you do now is for your future"

COURSE CURRICULUM

The Living Environment is the study of life! This class will be based on the New York State Science Learning Standards for high school life science (available online at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/mst/sci/nyssls.html>).

When Assignments are Due:

Due at this time:	Assignment type:	Location of Assignment:
Daily, 1 st 5 minutes of class	Warm Up	Teams (assignment)
End of class	Lesson video w/questions	Moodle (post in Teams)
End of class	Tests	Teams (assignment)
Day before test	Castle Learning	CL website (post in Teams)
Tuesdays, before next lab	Labs (virtual, Gizmos)	Teams (assignment)



SUPPLIES

LAPTOP
LAPTOP CHARGING CORD
EARBUDS (TO USE WITH LAPTOP)

GRADING POLICY

50% TESTS/QUIZZES
20% LABORATORY REPORTS AND LABORATORY WORK
15% HOMEWORK
15% WARM UPS, LESSON VIDEOS, PARTICIPATION



No cell phone use in class!

Cell phones should be silenced and out of reach. They are a major distraction, and prevent you from giving your full attention to schoolwork.

Test Policy

Tests will be given for each topic, and there are about 6-8 tests each marking period.

Academic honesty is expected from you at all times. Evidence of cheating will result in a grade of zero for the test.



Homework Policy



Castle Learning homework assignments are given for each topic as preparation for the exam. You will have several days to complete the homework, and should do a portion of the assignment each night preceding the test. Homework assignments are due the day before the test for that topic.

Class Flow

- *Arrive a few minutes early, settle down, open up your laptop and go to our class Team.
- *Teacher will start the class meeting. If remote, join the class meeting.
- *Access daily warmup assignment, complete it, and turn it in on Teams.
- *Teacher will give directions for the lesson.
- *After directions, the Teams video class meeting will stop. Students will engage in the lesson. If questions arise, students may chat with the teacher in Teams for clarification, or ask questions in person. If a video conference is needed, the teacher will start up another meeting in Teams for the remote learners.

Lab Requirement for Regents Exam Eligibility

Students are **REQUIRED** by the New York State Board of Regents to complete 1200 minutes of hands-on lab experiences, **and** to submit evidence of those experiences with satisfactory lab reports. In addition, 4 mandatory NYS labs must be completed.



STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TAKE THE REGENTS EXAM IN JUNE UNLESS THIS REQUIREMENT IS FULFILLED 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EXAM!

Lab reports are due on Tuesdays. You will access your lab report handouts in Teams.

Course Expectations

- ✓ Check MS Teams and school email daily.
- ✓ Late work is limited. Points will be deducted for late work.
- ✓ Standard class etiquette applies even when fully remote:
 - Be on time and ready to work.
 - Be attentive to the teacher.
 - Cell phones away and turned off.
 - Keep muted. Raise hand and wait to be called on.
 - Use appropriate language when speaking.
 - Face on screen at all times, no wandering around the room/house.
 - Wear appropriate attire. Make sure you are clothed appropriately.
 - Take care of restroom needs before class.
 - Message teacher in chat if something comes up that she needs to be aware of.