

Student Name:

# BIOLOGY SYLLABUS 2024–2025

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Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year, Cowboys! I am looking forward to a great year with all of you. Our class is Biology: The Living Earth, and we will be exploring and studying the living and nonliving parts of Earth's spheres, and how they interact on our incredible planet!

**Materials:** Our textbook is Experience Biology The Living Earth, by Miller & Levine. We have a class set of books to use. *Each day, please make sure you have the following materials:* your charged ChromeBook, power cord, lined paper and pencils.

**Google Classroom:** We will be using Google Classroom, and you will get an invitation sent to your student email to join our Google Classroom. Parents/Guardians will also receive an invitation to their email listed in Aeries. Assignments, materials and reminders will be posted in Google Classroom. You will usually turn assignments in during class, but I will let you know when you should be using Google Classroom to turn things in.

**Grades:** 90-100% A, 80-89% B, 70-79% C, 60-69% D, 59% and below: F. Your grades will be based 50% on assignments, and 50% on tests/projects/labs. Grades and missing assignments can always be checked by using the Aeries student or parent portal, or by emailing me. Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) should not be used for any assignment. Any assignment found to be created with A.I. will result in a score of 0.

**Behavior Expectations:** All Chino High School rules must be followed at all times. It is important for you to always respect yourselves, your classmates and your teachers. During labs, safety rules and directions must be followed at all times.

**Cell Phones:** Cell phones must be silenced and in students' backpacks during instructional time and class activities. Classroom staff will indicate any time when cell phones can be used. The Chino High School Student & Parent Handbook states, *"Cell phones are allowed on campus as long as they do not disrupt the educational program or school activity. Cell phones may be used before or after school hours and outside of all school buildings. Cell phones will be confiscated if they are not used in accordance to school policy. The school cannot accept responsibility for lost, stolen, or confiscated cell phones. Students may be disciplined for not following this protocol."* Inappropriate use of a cell phone will result in a reminder to put it away. If the cell phone is not put away, it may be placed in a locked and secured drawer for the remainder of class, or taken to the office for parent/guardian pick up, as appropriate.

Discipline for any inappropriate behaviors may include reminders, teacher-student meetings, calls or emails home, detentions or referrals, and will be addressed on an individual basis.

**Movie Permission Slip:** We will occasionally watch short videos, documentaries or movies in class that connect with what we are learning. Any movie shown in class may have a rating of G, PG or PG-13.

**Parents and Guardians** – by signing below, you are giving your student permission to view movies with these ratings in class. Any student not given permission to view movies with these ratings will receive an alternate assignment. Your signature below also indicates that you have read the class syllabus, and understand the classroom policies. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns.

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date