

# Mr. O'Connell

# Biology

## Class Overview

Biology is a Freshman-level Science course covering the study of life (cells, plants, genetics, evolution, etc.) All coursework and labs will prepare students for the future science courses such as chemistry, physics, and AP Biology as well as prepare each student for the Biology STAAR test.

## Class Expectations

Be **KIND**, stay **ENGAGED**, & work **HARD**.

**Beginning of class** → Take a seat by the time the bell rings. Come to class prepared and ready to work!

*\*Please see additional class expectations posted throughout the class to avoid any confusion\**

**End of class** → Stay in your seat until dismissed. **Do not line up at the door!**

## Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty will NOT be tolerated. Cheating, copying, or plagiarism of any form will result in failure of the assignment, disciplinary referral, and parent contact.

## Technology

While technology may be used on occasion throughout the year, it is expected that technology be used appropriately. All phones and headphones should be put away **BEFORE** entering class. **No exceptions.**



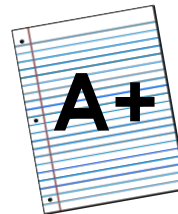
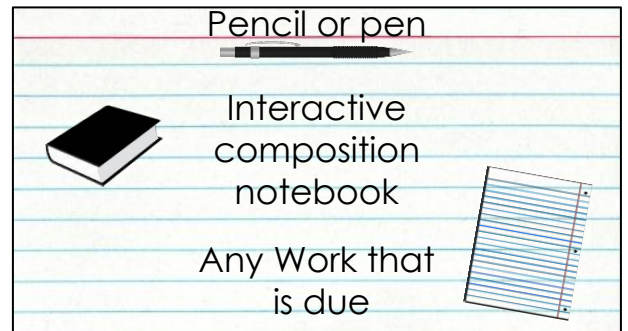
## Contact Info

Room: B111

Email: boconnell@bisdtx.org

Tutoring Hours: Tues & Thur PM  
any other time by appointment

## Required Materials



## Grades

Major Grades 60%:  
Tests, lab reports, projects, etc.

Daily Grades 40%:

Daily assignments, quizzes, participation, etc.

### LATE/MAKE-UP WORK:

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE-UP MISSED ASSESSMENTS. Talk to Mr. O'Connell to get missed work, late work will lose 10% a day.

## Notebook



We utilize an interactive notebook in Biology. It is the student's responsibility to have it updated, and left behind in the cabinet of that class DAILY.

# Safety Contract



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I will:

- ✓ Follow all instructions given by the teacher
- ✓ Protect eyes, face, hands, and body while conducting class activities
- ✓ Carry out good laboratory practices
- ✓ Know the location of the shower, eye wash station, and fire fighting equipment
- ✓ Conduct myself in a responsible manner at all times in a lab situation
- ✓ By signing this you acknowledge that you will be removed from the lab, will receive a zero, and disciplinary actions will follow if you choose not to abide by lab safety and classroom expectations

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to abide by the safety regulations as set forth above and also any additional printed instructions provided by the teacher and/or district. I further agree to follow all other written and verbal instructions given in class. I understand that I must pass a lab safety test with a score of at 90 before I can work in the lab.



Please sign and date stating that you understand the biology course expectations and safety requirements:

**Student signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

