

Biology  
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Class Website @ [www.whittsclass.com](http://www.whittsclass.com)

Welcome to Biology at FPCS. Biology is the study of life. As living organisms that interact with other living organisms, we can apply biology to almost every aspect of our lives. I hope you are excited to begin our journey in the study of biology.

#### Keys for Success...

- Be prepared for class. **Bring your notebook and pen/pencil daily.**
- **Complete work on time.**
- **Think** for yourself. Thinking is not a gift to a few students-everyone can learn if you practice!
- Do not copy the work of classmates, internet, etc. (plagiarism=referral).
- Be prepared to share ideas with others (peer review).
- Review nightly and become a lifelong learner.
- Practice safety everyday and clean up after yourself.
- **Show work and units** neatly when using calculators. No work = no credit.

#### Materials for Class...

1" 3 ring notebook	Ruler with metric units	Highlighter
Loose leaf Paper	Pens (blue or black) or pencils	Scientific Calculator
Colored pencils	2 packs of index cards	Positive Attitude 😊

#### Class Website [www.whittsclass.com](http://www.whittsclass.com)

Parents and students are encouraged to visit the class website often as it will contain lesson plans, websites relating to class, Skyward link, announcements, and **most handouts used in class.**

**Class Textbook:** Each student will be assigned a textbook to keep at home. You can also access our textbook online at [www.pearsonsuccess.com](http://www.pearsonsuccess.com). Class website has directions & code to create online logon.

#### Grading System

Assigned Work (labs, handouts, review, projects)	60% of nine week grade
Tests/Quizzes	40% of nine week grade
Midterm/Final Exams/End of Course Exam	30% of semester grade

- All work will be stamped with the date when submitted.
- Work can be submitted 1 day late with parent signature. Otherwise, no late credit unless you have an excused absence. (You get 1 day for each excused absence to make up work)
- If you are absent, you are expected to view the class website to record the missed lesson and print handouts.
- View grades, calendar, & attendance on Skyward Online Gradebook. Parents-every student has a logon & password so both of you can view Skyward.
- Plagiarism is the act of using someone else's work as your own. Plagiarism can occur by copying another person's research or another student's work. This is a referable offense and **all parties will earn zero points. Take time to think. Thinking is a good activity.**

#### Student Notebook

- Students are required to keep and file all papers in their notebook until the end of the grading period.
- The notebook is a portfolio of your work. It demonstrates the curriculum being studied and monitors student progress in class. Use your notebook to review often.
- Notebook checks will be counted as a test grade.
- Students may empty notebooks at the end of the nine weeks, but keep in mind that the final exam is cumulative so keep all papers.

Students will receive a sheet of three restroom/locker passes each nine weeks. Students who return the unused passes will be rewarded by having low grades dropped. If a student must use one of their passes, teacher will date & sign the handout, and issue the student a hall pass. Students must complete the Sign In & Out Sheet on the door.

### Classroom Rules

1. Be prepared for class everyday.
2. Be on time & begin Do Now activity after bell rings.
3. No sleeping in class.
4. No food in class. Water is allowed.
5. Do not use mp3 players, cell phones, or other electronic devices unless directed by teacher.
6. Act appropriately- no horseplay will be tolerated.
7. Pay attention to directions.
8. Treat people and property respectfully.
9. Wait for teacher to dismiss you from class.
10. Clean up after yourself.

### Consequences

1. Name on board-Student Warning
2. Name w/1 check-Change location
3. Name w/2 checks-Parent Contact
4. Name w/3 checks-Referral to office

Immediate referral for vulgarity, vandalism, fighting, defiance, plagiarism, etc.

### Rewards

1. Weekly drawing.
2. Electronic time in class.

Students will learn through 'hands-on/minds-on' laboratories. This can include expensive models, chemicals, and sensitive equipment that must be handled safely and carefully. Accidents can be avoided; always follow safety procedures. Safety will be taught in class during first week.

### Homework

Expect to complete unfinished classwork as homework. Successful students review nightly and reread lessons from class. Research says a learner must be exposed to a concept 11 times for long term memory. Reading the textbook before and after lessons plus reviewing completed assignments/notes/vocabulary will help you remember biology science concepts.

### Biology End of Course Exam (EOC)

The purpose of Florida EOC Assessments is to increase student achievement and improve college and career readiness. EOC's will be computer-based, criterion-referenced assessments that measure the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for specific highschool level courses. All Biology classes will be taking the EOC in May and it will course for 30% of the student's final grade. More important, students must pass the EOC exam to earn credit in the course. I am very committed to helping your child pass the Biology EOC as well as enjoy biology.

I am looking forward to a great year.

Ms. Whitt

FIRST HOMEWORK: due Monday, 1/30/12-please read & sign the last page. Also sign Lab Safety Contract. Get class supplies.

Please complete & return this page by Monday, 1/30/12.

Please check: Have computer access  Have internet  Do not have either

If your home does not have computer access when an assignment is given that requires use of a computer or internet, just sign the assignment & student can use school computer to complete the activity.

I have read the class introduction, and I understand what is expected of me.

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I have read the class introduction. I understand what Ms. Whitt expects from my child.

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Parent Signature

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Printed Name

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Date

Preferred Contact Method: Home, Work, Cell, and/or E-mail (circle preferred method)

List number and/or e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify any allergies or health issues that could affect the student's experience in science?

Please share comments or concerns: