

W.C. Mepham High School
Genetics

RULES OF THE CLASSROOM

1. Be in your seat when the bell rings.
2. Cell phones will not be permitted in class.
3. Come to class each day with the materials listed below.
4. This is a class that deals with mature and sometimes personal information. Please behave in a mature fashion and be respectful of each other.
5. If you have and questions or comments, raise your hands.

MATERIALS

1. A notebook/folder reserved for ONLY genetics. You should keep all work in this notebook. Any notes or materials can be printed from my website.
2. Pens/pencils and loose-leaf paper. Failure to bring these materials may impact your grade and will hinder your ability to learn.

ABSENCES

According to district policy, 15 points are deducted after your fifth unexcused absence. In addition, three unexcused lateness's are equivalent to one absence. It should be noted that any work missed when absent must be made up.

EXTRA-HELP

Extra help will be given immediately after school on Wednesdays and Thursday typically. Other days and times are possible by appointment depending on our schedules and responsibilities.

GRADING

TESTS 60 %

Each chapter will conclude with a test. Each test will have the same format. They will begin with several short answer questions related to topics learned during the unit. Next will be approximately 15 multiple-choice questions. Following the multiple-choice section, you will have approximately 15 modified true or false questions. Labeling diagrams and matching will round out the rest of the test. You will know what diagrams you will need to study prior to each test. The day before each test you will be given a large index card to handwrite or draw anything you may find helpful. You can use this card when you take your test. You will only be given a card if your class notes are filled in. Extra credit will also be offered on every test.

HOMEWORK 10 %

A homework packet will be given near the beginning of each unit. Each night you will work on specific sections or questions. The homework packet is a great study guide for the upcoming test. Homework will be checked for completeness. Failure to have it done when I check it will result in a ZERO. Homework CANNOT be made up.

INTERNET PROJECTS 30 %

Every other week we will meet in the library or learning center to work on Internet assignments based on what we have learned in class or are about to learn. These will be done using Google drive and submitted to me via Google Classroom. Each project will be a mini presentation, where each slide answers a specific question and may include a picture. Each piece of information must be cited using class notes or the website where the information was obtained. Citations will be done using easybib.com. I will have a video and rubric available on my website to show the proper procedure. Each presentation will be due by midnight on the Sunday that follows the project. Presentations up to one week late will lose 10 points. If the presentation is more than 1 week late, 35 points will be deducted.

(Keep this in your notebook for reference later.)

(It will be returned to you once it has been signed and you will receive homework credit.)

Please read the above information and return this to Mr. Mattes.

I _____ have read and clearly understand what is expected
(Print Full Name) of me in Genetics.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date