



**Welcome to Honors Biology I**  
**Mrs. Chavis – E211**  
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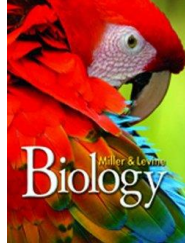


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Online book available  
via Launchpad

**Books / Materials Needed:**

- ✓ YOUR CHARGED & UPDATED Laptop
- ✓ Biology by Miller and Levine (2017)
- ✓ Three-ring binder with loose-leaf notebook paper
- ✓ Graph Paper
- ✓ Composition Notebook (BILL)
- ✓ Pencils and Ink Pens (colors)
- ✓ 1-2 Rolls of Scotch Tape (for BILL)
- ✓ *Optional:* Highlighter, Colored Pencils, Small Stapler, Calculator, Sticky Notes

**Attendance & Make-Up Policy:**

Every student is required to attend class each and every day, whether they are face-to-face or virtual. Attendance will be taken daily. If a student is absent, it is their responsibility to see me about making up any missed work within **3** days. If a lab is missed, an alternative assignment will be given or a time to do the lab will be scheduled. Keep in mind that all assignments are posted on Canvas every day.

**Class Expectations:**

Every rule/policy set forth in the student handbook is the expectation in class. Appropriate consequences will be faced if any student disregards these rules and/or policies. The following are the expectations of my classroom.

1. Every student is to be seated and ready to work when the tardy bell rings.
2. Student ID & mask are both to be worn at all times. Your ID must be visible.
3. Dress code is to be followed.
4. No cell phone/smart watch use during class. This includes texting, checking time, social media, etc.
5. Please do not talk out of turn or disrupt the class.
6. Please do not disrespect the teacher or any other student in class.
7. No food or drink is allowed in the classroom.

**Consequences**

Some violations require an automatic referral while others will be dealt with in class. An email or phone call will be made if a student does not follow expectations.

### Cheating:

Cheating of any kind will **NOT BE TOLERATED**. If the student is caught cheating at any time, they will automatically receive a zero for that assignment. No make up assignment will be allowed. Parents and coaches will be contacted. **Do your OWN WORK!**

### Grading:

The following grading scale will be used in this class:



100 – 90	A
89 – 80	B
79 – 70	C
69 – 60	D
Below 60	F

Your grade in this class is weighted & will be determined by the following percentages:

Major Grades: **60%**

Minor Grades: **40%**

### Major Grades: Tests, Projects, Lab Reports

Tests are to be expected at the end of a few units and will be cumulative. Tests will always be announced ahead of time. Projects and lab reports assigned will be given adequate time to complete both in and out of class as well as have detailed instructions. There will also be a midterm at the end of the first quarter of class.

### Minor Grades: Quizzes, Classwork, Homework

Quizzes are to be expected at any time & may or may not be announced. They will cover material discussed in class and the lowest quiz grade is dropped at the end of the nine weeks. Classwork and homework can be taken up for a grade at any time. It is important to stay on top of work and always be prepared for class. Quizzes will count more than CW or HW.

### Extra Help & Content Recovery:

My door is ALWAYS OPEN. If you need additional help, please let me know and I will be there to help you either in person or via Zoom. I am available before school and after school. Content recovery is only offered for Major Grades. Any student who makes a 60-79 on a Major Grade will have the option to do content recovery for up to an 80/B. Any student wishing to take advantage of this will need to fill out a Retake Form. Any student who receives below a 60 on a Major Grade will have mandatory content recovery and will be referred for Academic Support.

I look forward to getting to know you this semester.

Kelly Chavis

Northwestern High School / Biology Teacher

