

**Fresno High School**  
**Syllabus\***  
**MYP - Biology**  
**2016-2017**

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Remind Application: (see page 5 for instructions)  
Course Materials: Textbooks: Prentice Hall Biology (2006)  
Fresno High School Planner  
Biology Interactive Notebook

*\*This syllabus is subject to change.*

**Course Description:**

Biology is the study of life. In this course we will learn about living organisms and how they work. Our curriculum is driven by the National – Common Core Standards for Biology and includes studies in the areas of: Scientific Method, Cell Biology, Genetics, Ecology, Evolution and Physiology. Students will be engaged in a variety of activities that will explore living things as they develop into better life long learners.

**Grading Policy:**

Grades are reported eight (8) times per year. In addition to the traditional quarter and semester grade reports, mid quarter progress reports are also distributed. The grades issued at the end of each semester become a permanent part of your transcript. All other grades are progress reports. Parents and Students may access ATLAS 24 hours a day to check grades and attendance issues. Please refer to the student handbook for ATLAS Instructions.

Grades will be calculated using the following weighted-point system:

Assignments:	% of Total Grade
Labs/Projects/Notebooks	40%
Homework	10%
Tests/Quizzes	30%
Study/Participation	20%

**Total Grade:**

A(90-100%) B(80-89.9%) C(70-79.9%) D(60-69.9%) F(59.9% or less)

Grades are posted on ATLAS, there is no excuse for not knowing your grade at all times.

**Student Materials:**

**YOU** are responsible for being prepared for class. Please have all materials needed for the day. (Interactive Notebook, Planner, Binder, Pencil or Pen, Paper, Homework, Notes, etc.) Your Interactive Notebook will be used for all notes and must be kept organized and up-to-date. A class set of textbooks is available. Textbooks that have been checked out can remain at home. It is strongly recommended that all students maintain book covers on all books. Free book covers are available in the career center. Students who do not turn in a book or turn in a damaged book will be charged for the replacement of the book.

## Additional Digital Materials:

For learning and communication purposes, I am asking all students who have smartphones to download two (2) apps: Remind and Socrative. **Neither of these apps is required** for this course, however they are strongly recommended as they will help enhance the learning process.



Remind – a texting app that allows individuals and groups to communicate without giving out personal information. **I will use this app to remind students about due dates, activities and send motivational messages.**

Group	Code
Period 1	@fhbio1
Period 3	@fhbio3
Period 4	@fhbio4
Period 5	@fhbio5
Period 6	@fhbio6
Biology Parents	@bioparent1

\*\*For students who do not have a smartphone, they can sign up for Remind through text.  
(See page 5 for sign up instructions)



Socrative Student Edition – a student response app that allows each student to respond to questions without the anxiety of raising their hands and/or speaking. **I will use this app to find out what students have learned AS I am teaching a lesson. I can adjust my teaching accordingly.**

Classroom Name: S23BIO

## Plagiarism:

I expect each student to turn in their own work. Work that has been copied from another source will receive a 0.

## In Class Expectations:

You have enrolled in a class that involves the use of science equipment. It is therefore important that you do not engage in actions that interfere with the teacher's ability to teach or a student's ability to learn.

*For Example:*

Not following instructions, talking during lecture or non-group work, not working, moving around class without permission, inappropriate use of class supplies, being tardy, roughhousing (pushing, running, shoving, etc.), inappropriate language.  
Failure to follow class expectations may result in detention, referral or class suspension.

**Daily:**

Be prepared for class each day with your Planner and Interactive Notebook. Enter the classroom calmly and ready to begin the day. Write down the agenda and await instruction. Follow **CHAMPS** at all times and be respectful.

Top 5 Rules (Chosen by your class)

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**Lab Days:**

It is extremely important that you follow lab safety rules during lab activities. Failure to be safe and responsible around lab equipment will result in you being dismissed from that lab which will impact your grade.

**Food and Drink:**

With the exception of water, food and drink are not allowed in the science room unless supplied by Mr. Bugg. This will help keep you safe and the room free of pests. Because of the carpet and desks in our classroom, it is important that we work hard to keep the room as clean as possible.

**Attendance Policy:**

As stated in the Student Handbook, students will be required to clear absences by phone or note on the day they return to school. Notes must be taken to the attendance office before a student may return to a missed class. If a student does not bring a note, the parent may call to excuse the absence prior to the beginning of school that day.

**Tardy Policy:**

Students are expected to be in class promptly, tardy students must return to class with a pass. (See Student Handbook)

**All school rules are in affect at all times including:**

Dress Code, Zero Tolerance, Sexual and Non-Sexual Harassment, Electronic Devices, Internet Use Policy, etc.

### **Make-Up Work and Extra Credit:**

In the event that you miss class you will be allowed to make up some of the work that you missed. Labs are an exception they cannot be made up after an absence. All missed work must be made up prior to the unit or chapter test.

Extra credit assignments will be offered ONCE per unit. It can be used to the lowest class or homework score. It is the responsibility of the student to request the extra credit assignment and to complete it by the end of the unit.

### **Labs:**

Laboratory activities make science real. This will be your chance to see, feel, touch, hear and smell science at work. If you are absent on the day of a laboratory activity you will miss these experiences. Therefore, labs are very important to your science education and cannot be made up after an absence. Laboratory activities can also be dangerous and it is important that you always practice safe laboratory procedures.

### **Handbooks:**

See Career and College handbooks for counseling information.

See Student Handbook for information and school policies.

### **Parents:**

Please take the time to go over this syllabus with your child. It is important that my students understand how they will be evaluated and what expectations I have of them. Remind your child that school is a team effort between themselves, their parents and their teacher. I know that working together we will have a very positive year. If you have any questions about any material that will be covered in this course, please call or E-mail me at the school.

### **Special Invitation to Parents:**

I invite all parents/guardians to connect with me using the same communications app I will use with your child, Remind. I will use it to communicate with you about any special events on campus or activities in the classroom. It will also be another way for us to communicate about your child's progress in the classroom. Please refer to **page 4** for sign-up instructions.

Thank You,  
K. Bugg  
FHS Science



## Sign up for important updates from Mr. Bugg.

Get information for Fresno High School right on your phone—not on handouts.

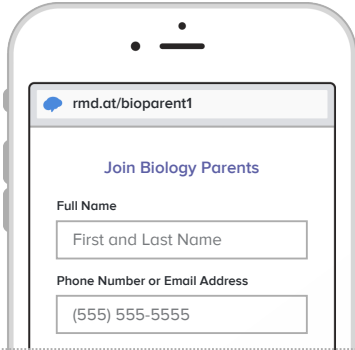
Pick a way to receive messages for **Biology Parents**:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/bioparent1](https://rmd.at/bioparent1)


Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@bioparent1](https://www.remind.com/help/faq/what-is-a-remind-code) to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting [@bioparent1](https://www.remind.com/help/faq/what-is-a-remind-code) to **(860) 319-0370**.



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Please complete and return to Mr. Bugg by the end of this week.

**Parent/Student Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Syllabus**

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand this syllabus for  
FHS MYP - Biology.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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