The following information is critical to your success in this class. Please pay close attention to the details. If you choose to do so, I guarantee that we will have a great school year.

**Class Standards**

In addition to the established school guidelines, these standards must be met in order for all students to receive the education that they deserve.

1. **Respect** for every individual in the room.
2. Honor instructor’s right to teach as well as the students’ right to learn.
3. Be prepared.
4. Be attentive and engaged.
5. Keep it clean (your work area AND your language).

**Consequences**

If you choose not to uphold these standards the following will occur:

- **First occasion** – warning
- **Second occasion** – teacher conference, detention
- **Third occasion** – detention(s)/OCR/possible referral and parent notified
- **Fourth occasion** – referral to discipline office, OCR, Parent Conference

I reserve the right to modify these based on my discernment.

**Tardy Policy**

The school tardy policy will be followed. There are a series of disciplinary steps for each tardy beginning with a warning and leading up to suspensions. All tardies will be reported on the attendance sheets as well as on my records.

**Procedures**

1. Assignments will be given for each standard covered, due at random times.
2. Tests will be given at the end of each standards-based unit. Random quizzes may also be given throughout the year.
3. All assignments will be collected on the date specified and late work will only be accepted for full credit twice per grading period without an excused absence.
4. Students are responsible for obtaining missed assignments from the instructor for excused absences.
5. Students will be participating in various lab activities involving many substances that require special handling that will be demonstrated and explained at that time. **Safety is of the utmost importance in the lab and inappropriate behavior could cause suspension of lab privileges and consequential grade lowering.**
6. Other procedures will be explained as the year progresses.

**Text**

*Biology: The Dynamics of Life, Glencoe*

**Grading**

Students’ grades will be based on the following criteria:

- Tests/Quizzes: 40%
- Lab write-ups: 30%
- Classwork/Homework/Other Asnmts.: 20%
- Final: 10%

*Cheating in any form is unacceptable and will be dealt with severely! Any students caught cheating, as well as the person allowing such cheating, will receive 0’s on that assignment the first time. Any following incidents will force parent and administrative involvement. The Academic Integrity policy will be followed as well.*

Parents, please sign below, along with your son/daughter, acknowledging that you’ve read and understand the above syllabus. If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to contact me using the below information. Here’s to the beginning of a Great Oak school year!

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Student Signature __________________________ ________ Date _______

Parent Signature ___________________________ ________ Date _______