

**Ms. Kristin Kirby: CP Biology, 2012-2013**  
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**Welcome to CP Biology!** I am very excited to meet each and every one of you, and we have an exciting year ahead of us. In this class we will be focusing on biological concepts and processes in various living systems. This class will be challenging, but with a little hard work, you can all succeed.

**CLASS EXPECTATIONS:**

- ✓ **Be Respectful**
- ✓ **Be On Time**
- ✓ **Be Prepared**
- ✓ **Cooperate with Others**
- ✓ **Participate**
- ✓ **Be Positive**

There will be many opportunities to work in partners and groups. While this can be a fun and rewarding experience for all of us, it will be very difficult if all students are not meeting these expectations. Please try hard to meet my expectations and work as a team! Rule violation may result in verbal warnings, parent phone calls, or a referral.

**Textbook:** McDougall Littell, *Biology*, 2007 edition

**Course Content, by semester:**

<u>Semester 1</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Semester 2</u>	<u>Chapter</u>
Scientific Method	1	Genetics	6,7
Biochemistry	2	Evolution	10-12, 17, 20
Cell Structure	3, 5	Ecology	13-16
Cellular Physiology	4	Bacteria, Viruses,	
DNA/biotechnology	8, 9	Protists, Fungi	18-19
		Human Systems	28-34
		Plants and Animals	21-27

**Required Materials:** EACH STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO BRING A FIVE SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOK. This notebook is only for biology, and you must bring it every day!

**Grades:** Your grade will be based on participation, warm-ups, homework, class work, tests, quizzes, projects, and lab reports. The grade scale is as follows:

- 90-100% .....A                      70-79% .....C                      59% and lower.....F  
 80-89 % .....B                        60-69% .....D

Grades will be updated on Aeries after each unit test. They will also be posted in class.

**Homework/notebooks:** Expect homework each and every night! Completing your homework each night will ensure that you are keeping up with the class. Homework is due the class session after it is assigned, unless otherwise noted. Though homework will be checked daily, credit is not given for homework assignments until they are organized into a notebook at the end of the unit. NOTEBOOKS ARE CUMULATIVE FOR THE UNIT; THEY ARE NOT TO BE COMPLETED THE NIGHT BEFORE A TEST! No credit will be given for an unorganized science notebook. Science notebooks are due before a test begins, not after.

**Attendance/absences:** You are responsible for all work done while you are out. Please check my website or the calendar in class to see what you have missed. Missed labs can be made up by doing the alternative assignment posted on my website and in class. If you need an extension on notebooks, labs, tests, or projects due to absences, please see me before or after class.

**Bellwork:** When the bell rings, you are expected to be sitting in your seat, quietly completing your bellwork. This will be a short exercise that you should complete within five minutes. I will randomly call on students to share their answers. Keep your warm-ups until the unit test, when it will be collected in your notebook.

**Laboratory Reports:** In addition to homework, we will be doing many laboratory activities, investigations, and experiments. You will be expected to complete a lab report according to my guidelines, which will be explained and provided to you. Labs should be neat and accurate. Points will be deducted for missing titles, data, or units.

**Late Homework/ Lab Policy:** Late homework will only be accepted if it is complete, and then only for half credit. Late labs will be accepted until the end of the unit in which it was done. After the unit test, a late lab will receive a 50%. Late notebooks and projects will receive a deduction of 10% if they are 1 class late and 50% off if they are more than 1 class late. I expect assignments to be completed regularly and on-time.

**Tardy Policy:** Students who are tardy will be sent out of class to get a detention.

**Tests:** There will be a test following every unit. You will be allowed to make up tests in the event of an absence. Students who receive a grade of a D or an F may retake their test before or after school to raise their test grade up to a 70% maximum. I require students to make flash cards and show them to me before retaking a test.

**Quizzes:** Occasional quizzes may be given at my discretion, with or without warning.

**Questions, help, etc:** If you need extra help, or have any additional questions, I am usually available in my room before school, starting at 7 AM, and after school until 3 PM.

Thank you,

Ms. Kristin Kirby

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**C.P. Biology Information Sheet**

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Phone Number (only provide those I may call):

Hm \_\_\_\_\_ Wk \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any comments, concerns, or questions that you have regarding this class?

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I have read Ms. Kirby's syllabus: Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_