



# Student Information Sheet for Biology

## 2008 - 2009

**Textbook:** *Biology: The Dynamics of Life, 2004*

**Graduation requirement:** One year of life science is required to graduate from high school. One year of biology meets this state requirement.

**State Standards.** All of the biology teachers in the State of California are required to teach the same subject matter: called California State Standards. So, in answer to the question, "Why are we studying this?" -- the response is -- "It's a [California State Standard](#)."

**Materials:** A spiral notebook for biology notes only, a mini-stapler, a white plastic eraser (to be used when taking tests), a small pencil sharpener (so you won't have to sharpen your pencil during class), a hard lead pencil.

**Grading Scale:** A point system is used in this course. After the points for each student are tallied, the following standard percentile scale is used to determine the grade:

90% - 100% = A

80% - 89% = B

70% - 79% = C

60% - 69% = D

0% - 59% = Fail

**Format for turning in work:** Place the row you sit in, your last name, first name, and your period number in the upper right hand corner of your paper. Also, in the center of the first line, write a title and page number (if applicable). This information is worth one point of each assignment.

<b>Row you sit in:</b> <b>Last Name, First Name</b> <b>Date</b> <b>Period</b>
<b>Title</b>

**When class starts:** You should be in your seat, with your spiral notebook out, pencil or pen at the ready, waiting quietly to take notes.

**Excused absences:** If you have an excused absence you have one week to turn in all work and take makeup tests.

**No Late assignments:** No late homework is accepted. However, assignments that are worth 50 points or more will be accepted up to one week late. Each class day --the point value of these larger assignments will decrease by 10%.

**Extra Credit:** You can makeup up to 3 missed assignments by doing extra credit. The extra credit is to makeup 15 multiple-choice questions about the current unit. Additionally, you can receive one point extra credit point when you complete an assignment one class period ahead of time (and show it to me).

**Dropped test score:** Had a bad test day? At the end of the semester your lowest test score will automatically be dropped.

**Lab:** Biology labs are conducted in the Biological Sciences Building on the third floor in Room 316.

**Makeup lab:** Two grades are given for lab: a participation grade and a written grade. The participation portion of the grade cannot be made up. However, you can make up the written portion by writing 15 multiple-choice questions about the subject matter of the lab.

**Food and drink:** There is no eating or drinking in the classroom or the lab. Eating or drinking in lab is very serious because to eat in the lab is a violation of a Cal State LA policy. Also Cal State LA requires that closed toed shoes be worn in the lab.

**Human Reproduction:** One of the areas of study this school year will be human reproduction. Topics of study may include human anatomy, family planning, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS. Guest speakers may be utilized to provide enrichment.

**Leaving your seat without permission. First up -- last out:** If you get out of your seat without permission -- you will be the last person(s) to leave the room. "First up – last out." Does that include sharpening your pencil? Yes.

**Disturbing the Class:** If I have to request that you stop disturbing the class over two times, in one period – you will remain after class and have a conversation with me and send an email to your parents in which you state: "Mrs. McQuery kept me after class today to discuss why I was disturbing the class."

**Throwing:** If you throw anything in the room, you will be asked to pick up all of the paper in the entire room at the end of class.

**Keep all of your work for this class – that includes Scantrons. Don't throw anything away until the end of the school year in June 2009.**

**Marking desks:** I have cleaning solutions and towels available in the room. If you inadvertently mark the desks -- please clean your desk before you leave the room. If you leave desk with marking on it then you will be asked to come to class in the morning before school or at lunch to clean all of the desks in the room.

**Contact information:** Please do not hesitate to email me at anytime. My email address is lachsa16@gmail.com. Please, please, write Arts High in the subject line or it will probably be deleted.

**Chapter Test Preparation:** Before each test I would recommend, highly recommend, did I say I highly, highly recommend that you go to my website [www.pmcquery.net](http://www.pmcquery.net) and click on "Sample Tests." Take the sample test(s) for the current chapter until you earn an "A" -- 3 or 4 times.

Please return this page (page 3) to me by \_\_\_\_\_. Keep the other pages for reference.  
 This is an assignment valued at 10 points. Thank you.

- I have read the student information sheet.
- I have not read the student information sheet.
- I GIVE permission for my son/daughter to study reproduction. Topics of study may include human anatomy, family planning, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS.
- I DO NOT GIVE permission for my son/daughter to study reproduction. Topics of study may include human anatomy, family planning, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS.
- I GIVE permission to use my class work or homework (including artistic work) for educational purposes.
- I DO NOT GIVE permission to use my class work or homework (including artistic work) for educational purposes.

Student Name (Print: Last Name, First Name) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Your Art Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

Your textbook number: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (Print Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please fill in your schedule:

Period	Name of Class	Teacher	Room Number
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