



**Blair High School: Biology**  
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Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Biology! My name is Ms. Zhou and I am excited to share this school year at Blair High School with you. My office hours are Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:00-4:00 pm or by appointment.

**Description:**

In this course, students will learn about living things including molecules, the cell, genetics, evolution, organisms, population, ecology, and the environment. Laboratories are integrated into this class and are an integral part of the course. The labs will increase the students’ knowledge about biology and deepen their understanding of critical relationships between organisms and the environment. Students who complete the course are expected to gain a greater understanding for the complexity of life.

**Grades:**

Grades will be calculated for the class as follows:

Classwork	25%
Projects/Labs	35%
Tests/Quizzes	40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

90-100%	<b>A</b>
80-89%	<b>B</b>
70-79%	<b>C</b>
60-69%	<b>D</b>
59% or lower	<b>F</b>

**Attendance and Late Work:**

All students must arrive to class on time. When the last bell rings, students must be in their seats ready to start. Three tardies without an excuse counts as an absence. Students arriving late will have the following consequences:

- First tardy: warning
- Second tardy: detention
- Third tardy: call home

In case of excused absences, students are responsible for obtaining and completing any work they missed. Students must write “ABSENT” under their name when turning in late assignments due to excused absences. Students missing lab when absent must complete the lab during their own time before or after school. All late work will be accepted up to a week after the day it is due with a 20%-point deduction. Work will not be accepted past that date.

**Academic Integrity Policy:**

All students are responsible for following Blair High School’s Academic Integrity Policy. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Some forms of cheating include:

- Turning in another person’s work as your own,
- Copying another person’s work or allowing another student to copy your work.
- Look at other students’ work, turning around in your seat, passing notes, or talking during a test or quiz when the directions do not state to do this.
- Take or use any information or technology without permission during a test.

**Cell phone usage is not allowed in class without permission.** If I SEE your phone during class, it will be confiscated, and your parents will have to come to campus to pick it up.

**Book:**

Johnson, George, y Peter Raven. *Biology*. Holt, 2006. Students are responsible for damage or loss of their text books. The cost to replace it is about \$90.00

**Tentative course schedule:**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Topics</b>
8/13 – 8/31	Introductions / Rules / Safety / Graphs
9/4 – 9/28	Ecosystem Interactions and Energy
10/1 – 11/2	History of Terrestrial Atmosphere
11/5 – 1/25	Evidence of Evolution
1/28 – 3/1	Genetics
3/4 – 4/12	Structure, Function, and Growth
4/15 – 5/17	Ecosystem stability and climate change

Please sign and return this page before Tuesday, August 28 to indicate that you have read and understood the class procedures. If you have any questions or comments, you may contact me at school by telephone at (626) 396-5820 ext. 80409 or email at [zhou.liliana@pusd.us](mailto:zhou.liliana@pusd.us).

Sincerely,

Ms. Zhou  
(626) 396-5820 ext. 80409

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I have read and agree to follow the class procedures as stated in the syllabus.

Name of student (written) \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent or guardian (written) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian contact: Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to be contacted via: email \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_ either \_\_\_\_\_