

January 1st, 2026

**Dear Biology Students and Parents/Guardians:**

Hello! You or your student is enrolled in Honors Biology. I look forward to working with you for a successful year in science at Tuscola.

Today we reviewed the science course requirements and safety rules during class. I strongly urge you to review these rules and requirements at home. Students will be required to have internet access for class assignments.

In the course required supply list there is a list of materials that students will need to have for class. Please have them available as soon as possible.

I always encourage parental involvement to help students succeed. We use the **Google Classroom** website to access assignments, notes, and review. This website is the primary mode of communication where I will send grade notifications and announcements about upcoming tests/projects throughout the year.

Grades will be posted to **Infinite Classroom**.

Please know that I want the best for your child, and I will work hard to make this class interesting and enjoyable. However, it is the student's responsibility to meet me halfway in this endeavor. Do not hesitate to contact me at the school, via email will be the quickest response, if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Trent Wharton                    TWharton@haywood.k12.nc.us

**Required Supply List**

Notebook for notes (bound or spiral)  
Pens and Pencils  
Class specific folder  
Colored Pencils or crayons or markers  
Ruler

## **Biology Class Requirements**

### **1. Rules**

#### **1.1. Student's Rules**

Be prepared. Be an active learner. Be responsible. Be respectful.

#### **1.2 Consequences \*Consequences are not limited to the order listed below. \***

- Warning. After school detention and Parent contact.
- Student/Teacher conference.
- Administrative referral
- Parent/Student/Teacher/Administrator conference.
- Immediate removal of student from classroom.

### **2. Students' Responsibilities**

#### **2.1. Attendance**

**TARDIES-** The Tuscola policies will be strictly enforced. Refer to the Tuscola website for further details.

**ABSENCES-** After your sixth absence you may lose credit for the class. You must follow procedures for an appeal or making-up time to receive credit. (Per Haywood County Schools policy)

#### **2.2. Assignments**

Students are to complete all assignments and hand them in/ submit during that class period. After the class period it will be considered late. Assignments will be graded by points to be tallied together at the end of the quarter/ semester.

Classwork points will be between 10-20pts, Quizzes 20-30pts, Projects 20-100, Test 100 pts

**LATE ASSIGNMENTS will be scored for 50% credit (excluding absences)**

**NO WORK WILL BE TAKEN AFTER 2 WEEKS LATE!!!!**

#### **2.3. Making up work**

If you are absent from class, you will be responsible for making up the work you missed. Upon your return to my class, you will have three days to make up any work (including tests, quizzes and labs) that you missed. If the work is not turned in on the third day, it will be considered a zero.

#### **2.4 Supplies**

You are responsible for your own supplies. You should come to class prepared with the materials listed below EVERYDAY.

- Pens (blue or black) AND Pencils
- Class specific folder
- Colored pencils or crayons or markers
- Calculator (scientific preferred)
- Earbuds/headphones
- Ruler

#### **2.5 Cell phones and earbuds**

While we are very aware students regularly carry cell phones to school for many reasons. Cell phones and earbuds are not welcome in the classroom. They must be in the class holder during class time. This is to ensure minimal disruption from your students' learning.

### **3. Grading**

Your quarter grade will be determined by your performance on unit tests, homework, quizzes, labs, and projects. A passing grade of 60% must be achieved by the end of the semester to receive credit for the course. The course grade is determined by the combination of quarter grades, and a final given at the end of the semester/ year.

### **4. Extra Assistance**

I am available for help before or after school. **PLEASE SEE ME IMMEDIATELY** if you are confused, lost or concerned about class material. The effort you put forth in class will make a difference in your grades.

### **5. Teacher Contact Information**

**Email:** [twharton@haywood.k12.nc.us](mailto:twharton@haywood.k12.nc.us)

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