

LIFE SCIENCE 2019-2020
Firm Foundation Christian Academy
Class Policy and Procedures

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Parents will receive an email through Jupitered.com with the opportunity to create a parent account in order to follow their child's grades and assignments.

Website: mrsriggs.weebly.com

POLICY

- All students should arrive to class on time!
Arriving late will result in missing vital class information or test time!
- Students are expected to bring the following items to each class every week:
 1. Student binder and paper/notebook
 2. Pencil/pen
 3. Colored pencils
 4. An attitude of learning
- All students are to do their own work on homework, lab write-ups, quizzes, and tests. Cheating on any level is not tolerated!
- Late homework will not be accepted after 5pm on the Friday it is due with the exception of sickness or planned absence.
- Students are still responsible for all information covered in class in the event of sickness or planned absence.
- **Respectful behavior is expected and is shown in speech, action, and dress. Please be modest in all areas.**

PROCEDURES

- Most class sessions will consist of approximately 45 minutes of lecture followed by 45 minutes of lab experiments or topic-related activity.
- Homework will be posted on mrsriggs.weebly.com (under the Life Science heading) by the following Monday after class.
- Homework is due at the beginning of class.
- Short quizzes will be given periodically in class.
- For midterm and exam days, an in-class review will be conducted prior to the exam.

SAFETY RULES

- Be careful with the use of scalpels, probes, and all sharp objects used in dissections.
Dissection tools are to only be used on the specimen (not other students!).
- Always wear safety goggles when experimenting with chemicals (including soap).
- Never taste chemicals or specimens or any other substances used for lab experiments.
- If any substance gets in your eyes or in a cut on your skin, notify your teacher.
- Wash your hands before and after an experiment.
- Students must clean up their lab area and materials after an experiment and return items to their proper location.

GRADING

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	PERCENT OF TOTAL GRADE
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework involves completing information from the day's topic (worksheets, diagrams, questions).• Homework assignments are posted by the following Monday on mrsriggs.weebly.com.• Homework is due at the beginning of class.	30%
Class participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students are expected to participate in every class activity, including dissections.• Students are expected to abide by all the safety rules.	25%
Exams/Quizzes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short quizzes will be given at various times.• Each semester consists of one midterm exam and one final exam.	30%
Presentation	<p>Each student will give one presentation each semester.</p> <p>Presentations will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A student-made model of an organism/organ/system covered in life science• A brief explanation on how it works• A brief explanation on how it benefits the organism or the environment• Scripture that references his/her topic	15%