

Forsyth County Schools

Biology Syllabus 2023/2024

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Course Description (GaDOE): The Biology curriculum is designed to continue student investigations of the life sciences that began in grades K-8 and provide students the necessary skills to be proficient in biology. This curriculum includes more abstract concepts such as the interdependence of organisms, the relationship of matter, energy, and organization in living systems, the behavior of organisms, and biological evolution. Students will investigate biological concepts through experience in laboratories and field work using the processes of inquiry.

Standards: *Course Standards can be found at <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Documents/Science-Biology-Georgia-Standards.pdf>*

Required Assignments:

Required Materials:

Availability for Extra Help:

Makeup Work: *Make up work is defined as work assigned during a student's absence, not work assigned prior to an absence. The*

Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA): COPPA applies to commercial companies and limits their ability to collect personal information from children under 13 years of age. No personal student information is collected for commercial purposes. <https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/complying-coppa-frequently-asked-questions-0>

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<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa>

Please review the resource list. Each website related to the curriculum resources is provided along with its privacy policies. Should you have any questions regarding these resources, immediately contact the course teacher via email or phone.

Name of Resource*	Hard copy/Website	Privacy Policy
McDougal Littell <i>Biology</i>	Class set of textbooks	Not applicable
Explore Learning	Digital supplemental material (accessed via ClassLink)	https://www.explorellearning.com/index.cfm?method=ContentController.dspPrivacy
Newsela	Digital supplemental material (accessed via ClassLink)	https://newsela.com/about/privacy-policy/
USA Testprep	Digital supplemental material (accessed via ClassLink)	https://www.usatestprep.com/privacy-policy/#:~:text=In%20accordance%20with%20the%20Family,by%20USATestprep%20beyond%20the%20time
Pivot Interactives	Digital supplemental material (accessed via ClassLink)	https://www.pivotinteractives.com/privacy-policy
Discovery Education	Digital supplemental material (accessed via ClassLink)	https://www.discoveryeducation.com/privacy-policy/

** The following resources are county approved. These resources may vary by school due to sequencing, pacing, curriculum design, and/or individual needs of students.*

As a part of their participation in PSAT and/or SAT testing, students may be expected to utilize accounts created with the College Board via their official website. These accounts provide students with the ability to register for the PSAT and SAT assessments, as well as other program resources as offered by the College Board. Parents and students should review the College Board privacy policies and collaboratively create and manage this account. For additional information, please contact the PSAT/SAT Coordinator at your student's school, and visit <https://privacy.collegeboard.org/privacy-center/>.

I, _____, have read this course syllabus and approve of its contents. I agree to allow my student to use each of the classroom resources listed in the learning resource section. I will support my student in following the classroom expectations outlined in this course syllabus. I agree that I am the person who is legally allowed to consent for my student, whose name is listed below.

Student's Name (Print)

Parent Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Date