

# South Cobb High School

## Biology Syllabus

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South Cobb High School's Vision: *Empowering Students for Leadership and Service in a Global Society*

South Cobb High School's Mission: *Reaching out & Moving Forward Toward Student Success!*

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### I. Course Description

Biology is the study of life. This course is designed to help students develop an awareness of biological processes – including cell functioning, genetic transmission, natural selection, and ecological systems – while continuing to cultivate critical thinking skills and scientific reasoning.

### II. Units of Study

1. Cell Components
2. Cellular Processes
3. Genetics
4. Inheritance
5. Natural Selection
6. Ecology

### I. Standards & End-of-Course (EOC) Exam

The state-established standards for this course can be found here: <https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Documents/Science-Biology-Georgia-Standards.pdf>

This is an EOC course. We will take a cumulative end-of-course (EOC) exam in early- to mid-December. (We'll provide you the exact date when we know it; the dates are usually released in mid- to late-November.)

### II. Resources

Most resources will be provided in class. Additional resources:

- Quizlet class (for vocabulary): <https://quizlet.com/join/v24tNB2YK>
- CTLS Learn: <https://studentportal.educationincites.com/#/> Your login information:
  - Username: Your school email address (which you can find in StudentVue)
  - Password: Your student ID (also called your Lunch ID)

If you are unable to log in to CTLS Learn, view the CTLS Resources page from CCSD:

<https://www.cobbk12.org/page/28195/ctls-resources>

### III. Methods of Assessment and Evaluation

This class uses a balanced and variety of assessments that are systematically implemented, resulting in appropriate interventions that foster continuous improvement for all. Assessments encompass formal tests, quizzes, and labs. Additionally, all in-class activities and assignments are considered opportunities to assess students' progress and help them achieve learning targets.

### IV. Grading Policy

Students and parents have access to the Synergy online gradebook (StudentVue and ParentVue) and can use it view up-to-date grade information). If you need an access code, contact the school at the phone number provided above.

Grading categories and weights:

Tests	30%
Labs, Projects, Portfolios	30%
Daily Assignments	10%
Quizzes	10%
End-of-Course Exam (EOC)*	20%

\*This weight is subject to change based on decisions made by the GA Department of Education. If this category's weight changes, other categories' weights may be adjusted accordingly, or a new category may be added.

- V. **Cheating:** Cheating occurs any time a student solicits, receives, or offers unauthorized help on any assignment. This includes classwork, homework, projects, special assignments, tests, and all other categories of assignments/assessments. Whenever a student is guilty of cheating, the teacher will collect the student's paper, mark a zero for the work, and notify the parent(s) and the

appropriate administrator. When writing reports, presentations, essays, projects, etc., students must give credit to all sources used, including the internet. If caught cheating, reassessment policy does not apply (as in: Students who cheat on a test are not eligible for a retest).

**VI. Retest Policy:** Any student will be able to retake a test if they score less than an 80%. Students must attend at least two tutoring sessions prior to retest. Once they retest, the highest grade they can receive is an 80%.

**VII. Homework Policy**

Students will be given time in class to complete all assignments. Students who do not complete their assignments during the designated class time must complete them outside of class time (as 'homework'). Additionally, students are encouraged to study their vocabulary and other resources (ex: study guides) an average of 10 minutes each day outside of class time.

**VIII. Late Work Policy**

Percentage point deductions for late work:

Up to 5 school days late	-10%
6 to 10 school days late	-20%
More than 10 school days late	-30%

**IX. Make-Up Policy**

- Assignments: Students are allowed to make up assignments for excused absences. Students will be given a deadline extension of one day for every day of an excused absence. This includes daily assignments, homework, labs, and portfolios.
- Tests and Quizzes: Students are responsible for contacting the teachers to schedule make-up tests and quizzes. These will generally be scheduled for before or after school.

**X. Tutoring**

Mrs. Harrison is available for tutoring from 3:35pm to 4:15pm every Wednesday and on Thursdays virtually from 5:00-5:30  
Mr. Byrd is available for tutoring as well.

**XI. Class Rules/Keys to Success**

1. Strive to do your best
2. Be respectful to others, their property, and the learning process
3. Be present and on time everyday
4. Follow directions the first time
5. Come to class with a mind ready to learn