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The Living Environment Course Syllabus

Introduction:

Regents Biology is a core-based course which ends in a NYS Regents Living Environment Examination. A minimum of 1200 minutes of hands-on laboratory experiences with satisfactory lab reports are required above and beyond the classroom instructional seat time.

The Living Environment Core Curriculum is expected to prepare students to understand and apply scientific concept principles and theories pertaining to the living environment and recognize the historical development of ideas in science. To attain this, the core addresses seven key ideas: similarity and differences among living and non-living things; inheritance of genetic information; changes of species and organisms over time; the continuity of life; dynamic equilibrium that sustains life; interdependence of plants and animals and their environment.

<u>Textbook</u>: Life Science/Glencoe Science © 2008 McGraw-Hill Education

Course Outline:

<u>Year 1</u>

Unit 1: Scientific Inquiry

Unit 2: Ecology

Unit 3: Organization and Patterns in Life

Unit 4: Homeostasis and Immunity

Year 2

Unit 1: Scientific Inquiry

Unit 2: Reproduction and Development

Unit 3: Genetics and Biotechnology

Unit 4: Evolution

Unit 5: Human Influences on the Environment

Goals and Objectives:

- 1. You will pass the regents examination.
- 2. You will be able to make good observations when shown a demonstration or conducting an experiment.
- 3. You will work effectively in small groups and alone.

Grading:		<u>Grade Scale</u> :
Homework	10%	A= 90-100
Class Participation (classwork and attendance)	35%	B= 80-89
Labs	25%	C= 65-79
Tests	30%	F= below 65

Daily Expectations:

- Attend class daily and on time.
- Enter the classroom ready to begin work.
- Write down Aim, Date, Objectives and immediately begin the Do Now (can be answered in complete sentences instead of copying questions).
- Begin working on class activity immediately and complete tasks.
- Remain in the classroom for the entire period.
- Respect everyone.
- Communicate well using positive words and limit conversations to class-related topics.
- Review the agenda on the board to follow along with the lesson.