







**VI. General Class Policies:**

- a. I understand that this is a science class and that my enrollment is voluntary. I am **here to learn the science** and I am free to drop the course if I do not wish to learn the material.
- Biology is a science it is hard for many people.
  - As is true for any scientific discipline, the study of biology requires a large body of highly detailed and technical information that must be mastered.
  - Biology, as is true for any science, has a large amount of technical terminology that must be mastered.
  - concepts relevant to modern biology.
- b. I understand that my **grades are based solely upon my level of performance**, not on what I may want or think I need.
- Students do not get a grade simply by attending.
  - Students must work at achieving their desired grade.
  - Work means putting in significant amounts of study time. Many hours repeatedly going over the material.
  - Goofing off and poor attendance usually means failing the course.
- c. **EARNED** **GIVE**  
me a grade.
- d. I understand that it is the responsibility to evaluate my performance and to assign a **grade that certifies the level at which I KNOW and UNDERSTAND the course material**.
- e. I understand that I **earn my grade by demonstrating** on assigned tests, quizzes and assignments that I **KNOW and UNDERSTAND** the course material.
- f. I understand that it is my responsibility to **master ALL course material** to the level necessary to achieve the grade I want in this class.
- g. I understand that the grade I receive is **NOT based** on the amount of work or effort I do. Effort is my responsibility.
- h. I understand