

Course Description

Barack Obama Global Preparation Academy is committed to increase academic rigor and student achievement through standard-based instruction. All Life Science classes follow a standard-based program committed to close the language and literacy gap between standard- Life Science learners and native Life Science speakers. In each Life Science class students will be exposed to:

- Extensive vocabulary development
- Comprehensive grammar instruction
- Direct instruction in reading
- Fully supported writing projects (descriptive, narrative, expository, persuasive, and respond to literature) that follow a specific writing process

Student Expectations

Students are expected to:

- Follow classroom rules and school policies
- Demonstrate adequate behavior at all times
- Show respect to all adults, peers, and themselves
- Be responsible, respectful, and safe

Students are expected to meet these expectations. There will be consequences for students who fail to act in accordance

- 1. Warning
- 2. Teacher-Student conference
- 3. Parent notification
- 4. Detention

Tardy Policy

Students are given 6 minutes to move from one class to the next, and are expected to be *in their seat by the time the tardy bell rings*.

- 1st tardy- teacher-student conference (warning)
- 2nd tardy- parent notification

Syllabus Homework

Student First and Last Name (Nombre del Estudiante):

• 3 or more- campus beautification ½ hour on Fridays (with parent notification and consent). Failure to comply will result in a "U" on report card

Materials

All students need the following materials **EVERY DAY** in order to be successful in this class and in all other classes:

- **1.** A three-ring binder
- 2. Dividers
- **3.** Line paper (college rule)
- 4. Minimum of 2 pens (blue or black ink only) and 2 pencils with erasers
- **5.** A composition book (NOT notebook)
- 6. Highlighters
- 7. Red Ink Pen (editing and peer scoring)
- 8. A ruler
- 9. A calculator NOT on a phone or listening device.

Grading policy

The students' academic grades are based on the following grading scale:

90%-100% = A 80%-89% = B 70%-79% = C 60%-69% = D 59% and Below = Fail

Homework Policy

Life Science homework will be review topics out of their Holt Life Science Textbook. The reading assignments will be given once a week and DO need parental signature.

Missing Work

ALL students in my class are allowed ONE WEEK to make up work with an EXCUSED absence. I will verify these. If they qualify, they are to make up the extra work ON THEIR OWN TIME. This would include lunch or after school. If within that week, they have NOT made up the work, they will receive a 0 for the assignment and will no longer be able to make this up.

Detention

Detention is assigned by me as I deem fit. Reason for Detention will include missing assignments, tutoring, or behavior (which means missing work).