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Course Outline

- 1. Cells are derived from cells.
- 2. The electron arrangement of atoms impacts their chemical nature.
- 3. Electric current is the plow of electric charge.
- 4. The biosphere, geosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere are interconnected, as matter cycles and energy flows through them.

Textbook

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Evaluation

Term Report	
Homework	10%
Assignments/Labs	30%
Quizzes	10%
Tests	50%

Final Report	
Term 1	30%
Term 2	30%
Term 3	30%
Final Exam	10%

Website

Almost everything you need to know is on the website. The website is updated daily with a schedule, important dates, expectations, notes, handouts, solutions and more. Check this often.

Materials

- Binder
- · Lined and Graph Paper
- Pencil & Eraser
- · Black and Red Pens
- Ruler
- Calculator

Unless requested by your teacher, the use of cell phones, cameras, or recording devices is prohibited in class.

Absences

If you are absent for a class, you must bring a note signed by your parents indicating the date on which you were absent and the reason for your absence. Notes must also include a contact phone number where the parent may be reached. Unexcused absences may result in a zero for any work missed.

Lates

If you are late, please write your name on the board and quietly take your seat. Any work missed at the beginning of class can be made up for no deduction in marks only if a note is presented with a legitimate excuse.

Washroom

Students needing to leave the class to use the washroom or get a drink must write their name on the board. One student will be allowed out of the class at a time.

Late Assignments

Assignments which are handed in past the due date will receive a 10% deduction of marks per school day (20% per class). Late work must be turned in before the marked assignment is returned to the class.

Missed Test Policy

If you are away on the day of a test, your parent or guardian must email me directly with a return phone number <u>before 3:03 pm of that day</u>. Failing to do so will result in a 20% penalty in marks (even when you bring a note). You must request to write the test the day you return. If you know ahead of time that you will miss a test, let me know ahead of time. Unexcused absences will result in a zero for your test.

Exam Security

Students can gain much from reviewing their performance on previous tests and as such, students can review tests during class review sessions or by appointment if class time is insufficient. Tests and exams will be kept by the instructor to develop a student portfolio in the event of academic disputes, and in order to maintain academic security. Removal of an exam from the classroom for any reason or copies of the exam by electronic or other means will be handled according to the school's policy on cheating.

Academic Dishonesty

Cheating on a test will result in a zero and referral to the administration. In addition to cheating on tests, academic dishonesty includes copying assignments from others and from the internet. If required for an assignment or project, it is okay to use the internet as a reference. Please state you references. Do not copy and paste from the internet and pass it off as your own work.