

# International Polytechnic High School

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Syllabus

2013-2014

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Welcome to 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Science! I am very excited to begin the 2013-2014 school year. Throughout this year, we will be exploring several areas of Biology and some Physics, including the scientific method, evolution, classification, biochemistry, cell biology, anatomy and physiology, genetics and health. We will use a hands-on, inquiry-based approach of learning to discover and investigate the world we live in. The course covers California State Science Standards for Biology, Physics and Chemistry and meets the University of California requirements for a laboratory science course.

**Textbook:** *Glencoe Science Biology- California Edition*

Students will keep the textbook at home for homework and readings. There will also be a class set available.

**Supplies:** Please bring a lined paper, a binder to keep homework and completed work (this will be graded throughout the semester), pen and pencil (there will be times we will use both), and eraser.

**Classroom Rules:** Respect yourself, your peers and your teachers, this includes being on time, being prepared for class and following safety rules. There is a strict no eating policy at iPoly, any student caught eating will lose participation points. If the problem continues, parents and administration will be notified.

**Office Hours:** I will hold office hours after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30. This will be a time for you to come and ask questions, make up work or serve as a tutoring time. Please note that if I notice you are not turning in assignments for if your assignments are unsatisfactory these hours will mandatory.

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Please detach and return this section to Miss Schiller by Monday, August 26, 2013.

**Movies:** Throughout the year there are a few films we will show in concurrence with state standards. If you would not like to have your student watch any of them, please inform me. The films we may be watching are “Outbreak,” “Hunger Games,” and/or “Jurassic Park.”

**Study Groups:** In preparation for tests, students will be assigned to study groups. They will be required to meet with these groups and create a study guide for each test.

**Assessment:** All assignments (classwork and homework), participation, presentations, notes, binder, quizzes, tests and projects will be graded. Consistency and effort are considered. For the most part, assignments will be due at the beginning of class. Please make sure to have printing and stapling done before class. Late work is NOT accepted. However, if you are having trouble understanding the assignment please let me know before the assignment is due and I will gladly help you.

**Grades:** Your final semester grade will be the average of your science coursework (50%) and your project grade (50%). *An NC in either the project or class will result in an NC overall for the semester.*

**Extra Credit:** Students received an extra Credit Matrix and can complete up to 100 points of extra credit per semester.

**Absences and Tardies:** If you are absent, it is your responsibility to obtain and complete missed work within a week. Unexcused tardies are unacceptable and will result in a lower participation grade.

Please contact me with questions and concerns. I will do my best to get back to you within 24 hours.

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Parent/Guardian Sign Off -10<sup>th</sup> Grade Integrated Science

Please read and review the policies with your student. Detach and return this portion by Monday, August 26, 2013 for student credit.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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DATE

