

## **Biology Advanced Parent Guide**

Biology is the study of structure, growth, and function of the life systems of organisms. The study will encompass a variety of topics that include: structures and functions of cells and viruses; growth and development of organisms; cells, tissues, and organs; nucleic acids and genetics; biological evolution; taxonomy; metabolism and energy transfers in living organisms; living systems; homeostasis; ecosystems; and plants and the environment. Student investigations emphasize accurate observations, collection of data, data analysis, and the safe manipulation of laboratory apparatus and materials in the field and in the laboratory. This course will have a greater emphasis on laboratory experiences, gathering and processing complex data and writing technical conclusions based on data. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Biology §112.34. Science, Biology, Adopted 2017

1st 6 Weeks: Biomolecules Enzymes Characteristics of Life Prokaryote/Eukaryote Cells (Endosymbiotic Theory) Viruses Transport and Homeostasis	4 <sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks: Body Systems Interactions Plant System Interactions Homeostasis Cell Respiration/ Photosynthesis Scientific Explanation for Unity and Diversity of Life
2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 Weeks: Transport and Homeostasis DNA and DNA Replication Cell Cycle – Mitosis (Cancer) Protein Synthesis / Mutations Meiosis	5 <sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks: Evolution and Natural Selection Taxonomy (Cladograms) Kingdoms Symbiosis Adaptations Ecological Succession Food Web/Food Chains
3 <sup>rd</sup> 6 Weeks: Meiosis Cell Differentiation Meiosis vs. Mitosis Mendelian Genetics (Monohybrid/Dihybrid Crosses) Non-Mendelian Genetics (Karyotypes/Pedigrees) Body Systems Interactions	6 <sup>th</sup> 6 Weeks: Environmental Change/ Resources Biogeochemical Cycles Biology EOC Exam Review Biology EOC Exam Scenario Based Unit

**Questions?** Please contact your course science teacher.