



# PIPER HIGH SCHOOL

## COURSE SYLLABUS

*“Mission: I’Mpossible”*

Instructor’s Name:	<b>Helen Burt</b>
Course Title:	<b>Environmental Science</b>
Course Location:	<b>Bldg 500 Room #573</b>
Contact Information:	<i>Feel free to contact me for any reason.</i> <b>Phone: 754-582-3141</b> <b>Email: <a href="mailto:helen.burt@browardschools.com">helen.burt@browardschools.com</a></b>
Availability:	Best <b>method</b> to reach me is <b>email</b> , I check it regularly. <i>Please include the student’s name on the subject line.</i> Best <b>time</b> to reach me by phone is: 2:40 PM
Course Materials:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One 3 ring binder or folder to store graded work.</li> <li>• Two notebooks, spiral or composition (to be used <b>daily</b>).</li> <li>• Gridded Graphing Paper</li> <li>• Blue or black ink pens (color optional).</li> <li>• #2 Pencils for assessments &amp; labs.</li> <li>• Colored pencils</li> </ul>
Electronic Resources:	<b><i>Pinnacle Gradebook:</i></b> <i>It is recommended that you (student and parent) check Pinnacle <b>regularly</b> for attendance and grades.</i>
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will develop a better understanding of biological theories, practices, and methodologies.</li> <li>• Students will gain an understanding of and develop an appreciation for the biological sciences and how it is a vital part of their lives.</li> <li>• To successfully prepare student for Biology EOC.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Class Work and Homework Policy:</i></b>	Students are expected to keep up with the material by <i>reading at home</i> . Homework is given <i>often</i> and usually consists of section assessments.  Due dates are announced in class and noted in Pinnacle gradebook. Check Pinnacle often.  See <b>late work</b> criteria below.
<b><i>Quizzes:</i></b>	Quizzes are given regularly and include new material as well as material from the past. The exam is <b>cumulative</b> , so retaining information is necessary.

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<b>Tests:</b>	A test will be given for every Unit. Tests will be announced in class and on Pinnacle gradebook. Tests can be multiple choice, fill in the blank, free response, etc.					
<b>Late Work:</b>	If a student is absent, he/she may turn in late work up to <b><u>48 school hours</u></b> after returning to school. After 48 hours, it will NOT be accepted.  It is the <b><u>student's responsibility</u></b> to ask for late work and to check pinnacle regularly to see what he/she has missed.					
<b>Class Rules:</b>	The school discipline guidelines will be followed including calls home, detentions and/or administrative referrals. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Come to class prepared with supplies and completed assignments.</li> <li>2. Be on time, in your seat, with work on your desk.</li> <li>3. No Tardiness.</li> <li>4. Broward County dress code will be enforced at ALL times.</li> <li>5. Remain in your seat at <b><i>all</i></b> times.</li> <li>6. <b>RESPECT</b> the teacher, your classmates, and yourself.</li> <li>7. <b>LISTEN</b> to and follow all directions. Keep all personal belongings, including book bags and purses, under the desk or on the floor.</li> <li>8. Refrain from using profanity, vulgar language, or gestures.</li> <li>9. Be attentive and engaged in the topic of the day.</li> <li>10. Absolutely <b>NO</b> eating or drinking in class. You may bring a water bottle that contains a <b>lid</b>.</li> </ol>					
<b>Weighting of Assignments:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tests 30%</li> <li>• Quizzes 15 %</li> <li>• Homework 10 %</li> <li>• Class work 25 %</li> <li>• Labs &amp; Projects 20 %</li> </ul>					
<b>Grading Scale:</b>	<b>Broward County's Grading Scale</b> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td>90 – 100 = A</td></tr> <tr><td>80 - 89 = B</td></tr> <tr><td>70 - 79 = C</td></tr> <tr><td>60 - 69 = D</td></tr> <tr><td>59 and below = F</td></tr> </table>	90 – 100 = A	80 - 89 = B	70 - 79 = C	60 - 69 = D	59 and below = F
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<b>Academic Honesty:</b>	<i>As a student of Piper High School I vow to not plagiarize and to never give or receive assistance on assessments.</i>					
<b>Attendance:</b>	All students will follow the guidelines set forth by Broward County Public Schools, the Code of Student Conduct Handbook, and Piper's attendance policy.					

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Cell phones :

Students must turn their cell phones **off** at the beginning of class and keep **off** until the end of class unless directed by the teacher to do otherwise.

Keep this syllabus as a reference.

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The following pages must be signed by BOTH students and parents, and returned to the SCIENCE teacher by the first week of school.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Student Name*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Student ID #*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Period*

This page must be returned to your **SCIENCE** teacher by the first week of school.  
Keep the other pages of your syllabus as a reference.

## Syllabus Confirmation Page

I \_\_\_\_\_ (*CLEARLY print student name*) have read through and discussed this course syllabus with my teacher today in class. I understand what exactly is expected of me in this class and what my responsibilities are for this semester. I know and understand what the academic policies and procedures that I am to follow are. I am aware of and understand how I am going to be evaluated and assessed in this course and how my final grade will be calculated. I am aware of and understand that tardiness is not tolerated and can negatively affect my class grade. I know that if I need extra help or have concerns I should speak with my teacher as soon as possible.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*How can we contact you? Please write below:*

Student Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Student Laboratory Contract

*I have been instructed in the necessary safety procedures required in this course. I agree to abide by the following guidelines:*

1. Safety apparel will be worn when specified by the instructor.
2. Long or loose hair will be tied back. Excessively loose clothing or jewelry will not be worn.
3. All safety rules and regulations will be followed.
4. There will be no drinking or eating in the laboratory.
5. Experiments will be done in the specified order with the prescribed quantities of chemicals.
6. Only the chemicals specified by the teacher will be used. No unauthorized experimentation will be done.
7. The proper use of safety equipment and correct evacuation procedures will be followed.
8. Wash hands thoroughly before beginning and after completing an experiment.
9. Contact lenses will not be worn during specified experiments.
10. Horseplay or other inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated during laboratory experiments.
11. Never taste chemicals or smell them directly.
12. Never pick up broken glass with bare hands.
13. Report all accidents, no matter how minor, to the teacher.
14. Never work without teacher supervision in the lab.
15. Do not remove any chemicals or equipment from the lab without the teacher's permission.

*Failure to follow these guidelines may result in reduction in grade, disciplinary action, and/or exclusion from laboratory activities.*

Student Name	Student	Signature	Date
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Parent Name	Parent	Signature	Date
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**Emergency Contact Information:**

Does student have any allergies?  Yes  No

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

	Mother/Guardian	Father/Guardian
Cell Number:		
Work Number:		
Home Number:		
Email:		

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