**Plainview High School**

TCB Tutorials:

M - W – F

*All others by appointment only*.

**Pre-AP Biology**

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I am so glad that you have challenged yourself this year by signing up for Pre-AP Bio! I look forward to my time with you as we dive extremely deep into all the living “stuff” around us. Upon completion of this course I hope to have prepared you academically for two things: A) AP Biology (that you can take as a junior/senior) and B) Mastering Grade Level on the Biology STAAR.

There is so much that will happen this year both inside and outside of my classroom. This being said, communication is a must. Many of you are involved in extracurricular activities and are not used to having to manage your time as much as you will be required to do this year. It is a learning process but it is a process we must learn quickly. Talk to me AHEAD of time about missing class. Make the most out of the TCB period. I am not available after school most days because I coach so TCB is the BEST time to come get help or make up work.

**Materials**:

1 ½ - 2” Binder (AVID Students may SUB-tab within their AVID binder)

4 Dividers (Bell Ringers, Tracking Charts, Notes, Labs)

Writing Utensil

**Grading Policy**

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| 40% | Tests |
| 20% | Labs |
| 20% | Quizzes |
| 20% | Homework/Daily work |

Assignments are due on the assigned date. If you are absent, you have 3 days to make up work and then turn it in for full credit. All late work will be subject to points lost based on how late the work is. Per school policy, the teacher does not have to take an assignment after 3 days of being late. Bottom line: get your work turned in when it us due. ☺

**Online Resources**

All online resources can be found on the PHS Biology Webpage.

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**Content**

Unit 1: Ecology

Unit 2: Biochemistry

Unit 3: Cells

Unit 4: DNA and Cell Cycle

Unit 5: Protein Synthesis

Unit 6: Inheritance Patterns

Unit 7: Evolution

Unit 8: Taxonomy

Unit 9: Plant Systems

Unit 10: Animal Systems

Biology STAAR: (usually) the first Thursday in May