

Biology Students and Parents,

Based on the specific options provided to you from the county and MCHS, Biology teachers will be posting grades into quarter 3 of PowerSchool to serve as the Biology coursework grade as follows:

- Biology teachers will average together the remote learning assignments submitted by students for each grading category (see below).
- Grades will be posted for a student if that grade does not LOWER the student's average that he/she had earned as of 3/13/2020. If a student's average for a particular assignment would lower the course grade, we will omit the student from that work. **I may enter a zero just to show work that was never completed, but the zero will be EXEMPT, meaning it will not be averaged into the student's grade.**
- Students will have the option to continue to work until June 2 to raise their grade above their March 13 grade. Therefore, a student's course average can only be benefitted by work submitted during the remote learning time period.

Remote learning categories will cover:

- 4 Units of NC Biology Curriculum: DNA & Protein Synthesis, Genetics, Evolution, and Ecology. The first three have already been covered, and the last (Ecology) began this week.
- Students will be graded on 3 categories for each of the 4 units, just as they were prior to March 13: Minor Assessments (Homework/Classwork) - 10%, Major Assessments (Quizzes/Tests) - 50%, and Intermediate Assessments (Labs/Projects) - 40%. Therefore, a total of 12 assignments will be entered into PowerSchool.
- Students that complete 100% of RL assignments for a unit will receive 10 enrichment points added to their unit Quiz grade.

I have begun posting remote learning assignments into PowerSchool this week. Thank you for your support and for encouraging your students to continue learning and improving through the coursework during these unprecedented times.

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