

EDWARD R. MURROW HIGH SCHOOL  
SCIENCE DEPARTMENT  
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Course Policies

**SLS22: Living Environment II**

Spring 2020

**1. Instructor Information**

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Click on the “Living Environment” menu tab at the top. We will use this page to post course information, assignments, rubrics, review sheets, studying techniques, practice exam questions, and relevant science news.

**2. Course Objectives**

By the end of the semester, students should be able to:

- Gather and analyze data to make informed decisions.
- Explain how sexual reproduction results in a genetically diverse population.
- Explain how DNA gives an individual his or her unique characteristics.
- Describe how the genetic make-up of a species changes over time.
- Describe the complex ways in which living things interact with each other and their physical environment.
- Make choices that have a positive impact on the environment.

**3. Required Materials**

You should bring to class everyday:

Both pen (blue or black ink only) and pencil  
Three-ring binder with loose leaf paper  
Pocket folder  
Calculator (cell phones may not be used as calculators)

**4. Grading Policy**

50%	Exams and quizzes
25%	Laboratory work and report
15%	Homework
10%	Classwork

It is the responsibility of students and parents to check PupilPath (<http://www.pupilpath.com>) regularly for progress reports.

## **5. Exams**

Approximately three exams and several quizzes will be given over the semester. Make up opportunities for missed exams and quizzes will only be provided when an absence is excused. Students who fail to make up an exam/quiz within two class days of when the test was given will automatically receive a grade of zero.

## **6. Laboratory Work**

New York State requires that students complete 1200 minutes of laboratory work and submit 24 satisfactory written lab reports to sit for the Living Environment Regents Exam; students should complete at least 12 satisfactory lab reports per semester. For this reason, students who miss a lab for any reason must arrange to attend a make up lab during OPTA or after school. Any lab that is not made up will receive a grade of zero. For safety reasons, students who arrive late to lab will not be permitted to enter the lab, and will be required to make up the lab. Inappropriate or dangerous behavior will result in removal from the lab.

## **7. Homework**

Homework will be marked late if it is not turned in at the start of the class band on the day it is due, even if submitted the same day. If you were absent on a day when homework was checked or collected, it is your responsibility to remember to hand in the completed work the day you return. Most homework assignments may be turned in up to two day late for 50% credit. Work that is not turned in after two days past the due date will receive a zero and cannot be made up for credit. E-mailed work will not be accepted; students must bring a hard copy of the assignment to class.

## **8. Classroom Protocol**

Classwork points are based on in-class assignments, attendance, punctuality, preparedness, participation, and productivity during class time. It is expected that you will treat everyone in the classroom with respect, contribute to class discussions, and remain attentive. Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off and out of sight.

## **9. Attendance**

Regular attendance is mandatory. Class begins five (5) minutes after the end of the previous band. Students who are not in the room at that time will be marked late without a pass. When you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to find out what class activities, assignments, or notes were missed and arrange to make up these activities and get the notes from a classmate. The day you return from an absence, you must present us with a note from a parent or doctor explaining the reason for the absence.

## **10. Academic Honesty**

All work that you turn in is expected to be your own. When you use someone else's ideas, you must give that person credit, even if you do not use his or her exact words. Anyone who is caught cheating, talking, or using a cell phone or other personal electronic device during an exam or quiz will receive a zero. It is not acceptable to look at another student's homework or show another student your homework.

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## COURSE CONTRACT

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Mr. Sprague & Ms. Khanum

I have read and agree to all classroom rules, expectations, guidelines, and procedures outlined in the attached document entitled, "Course Policies: Living Environment II, Spring 2020", and understand that it is my responsibility to regularly check PupilPath for progress reports.

A copy of the course policies will be posted to the course web page at <http://www.spraguescience.com>.

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Student Name (print)                      Student Signature                      Date

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Parent Name (print)                      Parent Signature                      Date

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Parent Daytime Phone Number                      Parent E-mail Address  
(between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.)

Please provide any information that you would like me to know about your student (special talents or needs):