

EDWARD R. MURROW HIGH SCHOOL  
SCIENCE DEPARTMENT  
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Course Policies

## **SLS22: Living Environment II**

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### **1. Instructor Information**

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

### **2. Course Objectives**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Ask questions
- Develop and use models
- Plan and carry out investigations
- Analyze and interpret data
- Use mathematics and computational thinking
- Construct explanations
- Engage in argument from evidence
- Obtain, evaluate, and communicate information

### **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**

40%	Exams and quizzes
20%	Laboratory work
20%	Weekly reflections
20%	Classwork

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

## **5. Exams**

Exams and quizzes will be given periodically throughout the semester with advanced notice. 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. Weekly Reflections**

Every Tuesday, you are responsible for turning in a reflection summarizing the biology concepts and science skills that you learned and improved upon the previous week, and describing how these concepts and skills build upon the work from earlier in the semester.

Reflections must be turned in through Google Classroom by the due date. Most homework assignments may be turned in up to one week late for 50% credit. Work that is not turned in after one past the due date will receive a zero and cannot be made up for credit.

## **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 me with a note from a parent or doctor explaining the reason for the absence. Students who are required to quarantine are responsible for communicating with me over email and completing assignments on Google Classroom.

## **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.