**ALLEGANY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**HIGH SCHOOL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**2011-2012**

**Course Title:** 432 Biology  **Teacher:** Mrs. Maddy **Planning Time:** 7:45a.m. - 8:30a.m.

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**Course Description:**

Biology (10-12) is a laboratory science course that satisfies the Maryland high school graduation requirement. The curriculum includes scientific process skills and content as specified in the Maryland Biology Core Learning Goals including structure and function of biological molecules, structure and function of cells and organisms, inheritance of traits, mechanisms of evolutionary change, and interdependence of organisms in the biosphere. All students must pass the Maryland Biology High School Assessment or achieve a combined score of 1602 on the four HSA tests.

**Text/Materials of Instruction - Required:**

* Textbook: Holt: Biology
* 3 ring binder or folder with lined paper
* pens or pencils

**Grading/Evaluation:**

**County Grading Scale– Marking Period Teacher’s Grading Structure – Marking Period**

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| **Percentage** | **Grade** |
| **100% – 90%** | **A** |
| **89% – 80%** | **B** |
| **79% – 70%** | **C** |
| **69% – 60%** | **D** |
| **59% – 50%** | **F** |

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| **Assignment Categories** | **Percentage of Grade** |
| **Daily Work (incl. homework)**  ***No more than 25%*** | **25%** |
| **Quizzes/Tests/Benchmarks** | **50%** |
| **Projects/Papers/labs** | **25%** |
|  | **%** |
|  | **%** |
| **Other:** | **%** |
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**Additional Expectations:**

**Each student will be given a textbook that can be taken home. Textbooks are to be covered at all times. No sticky covers are to be placed on the textbooks because they are difficult to remove. The textbook and required materials are to be brought to class daily. All handouts will be kept in a three ring binder or in a folder, whichever the student prefers. Notebooks will be graded as a paper at the end of the marking period. If a student is absent it is his/her responsibility to make up any missed assignments. Extra papers or assignments that are given will be placed in a bin that is located on a file cabinet in my room. Students may get papers as they need them. No cell phones are to be used during class time. Phones should not be seen or heard in class as this may disrupt instruction. Please make sure to check grades, as they will be posted on-line. If you have any questions, please contact me by phone or e-mail which are listed above.**