

Advanced Placement Biology Course Policies

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Welcome to AP Biology! We will be working hard this year to provide you with a rigorous and fascinating exploration into Biology. **AP BIOLOGY EXAM: Monday, May 13, 2013 at 8am**

RESOURCES:

You will be provided with several tools which will help you be successful in this class. We will use TI-Nspire hand-held devices along with Vernier probeware to help collect and analyze data. We will also use many online resources to help clarify and understand information. You will have access to an ebook and online assignments through MasteringBiology.com. Please sign up by following the directions below. You will also have access to many other resource like animations, sample quizzes, etc.

Materials: Textbook, Biology AP Edition, 9th edition, Campbell. Suggested materials: Lab notebook: 1 inch, 3-ring binder, Class notebook: 3-ring binder (any size) with suggested dividers for notes on each unit, assessments, & resources. Calculator, highlighter, pencils, and blue or black pens will be used on a daily basis.

Evaluation: Class time will be spent discussing the chapters, performing labs and assessing your knowledge of the material through unannounced and announced quizzes and announced tests. It is essential that all students actively participate in labs and class discussions.

- **Assignments/Chapter Notes:** It is imperative that you keep up with the reading schedule. Chapters in the text range from 10-30 pages in length. You must take detailed notes while reading and answer guided reading questions assigned by the teacher. The hope is that you capture the big picture as well as the corresponding details. The chapter assignments will be collected and graded for accuracy or completion, you may not know which when the assignment is given. *Please note: If you miss class due to lateness or early dismissal but are you still in school the day an assignment is due, you must still turn in your assignment. Failure to turn it in the day you are present will result in a ZERO.* Each assignment may range from 5 to 150 points.
- **Lab Work:** It is expected that you come prepared for each lab by knowing what it is you are assigned to do. You are also expected to stay on task and work carefully in the lab to lead to accurate results. Safety is essential in the biology classroom. No student may participate in any lab until a safety contract has been signed by the student and a parent/guardian and returned to the teacher. If you miss a science lab you will have to make arrangements to make it up with in one week. It is your responsibility to make an appointment with me. If the lab is not made up or arrangements to make the lab up have not been made within a week, you will receive a ZERO. Lab work is a cooperative effort and data should be shared. However, observations, conclusions and final written reports should be done individually. Each lab may be worth 25 to 200 points.
- **Test and Quizzes:** Tests will range from 50 to 200 points and I will do my best to announce them with at least one week notice. Quizzes could be announced or unannounced and range from 10 to 100 points. This class is taught with the expectation that you will be taking the AP Biology Exam. Practice exams and test formats will be used to help you prepare for this test. If you have an excused absence during a test day, you must make up the test day the next day you return. All make-up tests are a different format than the original, usually harder, and usually all essay. Make-up tests will only be given before or after school.

Grading Policy: A point system will be used. The total number of points will be earned during the marking period and will be divided by the total number of points possible. Percentages will result in the following grades: 89.5-100%: **A** 79.5-89.4%: **B** 69.5-79.4%: **C** 59.5-69.4%: **D** <59.5: **E**. ***There is no class curve.**

Academic Integrity: Plagiarism is **NEVER** acceptable. Your work will not be accepted if it is not your own. Copying from another student is considered cheating, and both students will receive zero credit. Collaboration on homework, lab analysis or any independent assignment is not acceptable. In addition, any research that you do must include references, and any that is copied from another source without proper references will receive zero credit. Please refer to the

Academic Honor Code for specifics. This is an AP course. Success requires that you work to your maximum potential at all times.

Computer Expectations: If you are assigned a task that involves the use of a computer, you will be given the appropriate time in class or extended time (before or after school) to use the media center if you do not have access at home. If you abuse computer privileges, you may lose your school computer access per school-wide policies.

Attendance/Makeup work: In order to learn what is being taught in class, you must be in class! You are responsible for making up all missed work. If you are absent and your absence is excused you will have one day for each day absence to make up work. After that your assignment will not be accepted. If your absence is determined to be unexcused you will receive a zero for all assignments for that day. Late work will not be accepted. If you have an excused absence you may turn in your assignment the day you return. Please contact a classmate to determine your missing work so you do not get behind. Please write the date of your absence at the top of the front page of your late work.

Food and Drink: Food, gum and drinks are not allowed in the classroom. You may have water bottles in the classroom area only. For safety reasons water is not allowed in the lab area.

Consequences for: Disruptiveness, lateness, eating/drinking in class

FIRST OFFENSE – Verbal Warning

SECOND OFFENSE – Conference with student and call/email home/ SIR

THIRD OFFENSE – Detention and call/email home/ SIR

FOURTH OFFENSE – Disciplinary Referral

Extra Help/Credit: I am available before school everyday and after school except for Mondays. Please make an appointment to meet with me. Please do not arrive unannounced because I may not be available. Extra credit projects are not accepted in this class. It is your responsibility to complete your assignments and prepare for tests. Please see me for help or form a study group, if you are concerned about your grade.

NEW AP Biology Exam Format:

Section I		
Question Type	Number of Questions	Timing
Part A: Multiple Choice	63	90 minutes
Part B: Grid-In	6	
Section II		
Question Type	Number of Questions	Timing
Long Free Response	2	80 minutes + 10 minute reading period
Short Free Response	6	

AP Biology: Classroom Policies and Procedures
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I have read, understand and will support the attached classroom policies. Please sign and return. This page will be kept on file by Ms. Kohout.

SIGNATURES:

Student name (please print): _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parents/Guardians: If you would like to receive emails notifying you of upcoming activities, quizzes, and tests in AP Biology from time to time so that you can talk with you child about them, please include your email address (please print using block letters) I will add you to my list.

Parent/Guardian name(s): _____

Daytime Phone #: _____

Email address(es): _____
