

Dear AP Biology Students and Parents:

Welcome to what promises to be a challenging yet rewarding class. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to some aspects of the Advanced Placement Biology Program to help you understand what you might expect from this course. Students enrolling in the Advanced Placement Biology course should have a strong foundation in biology and chemistry. **It is strongly suggested that students concurrently enroll in Level I Human Anatomy & Physiology.**

AP Biology is a college course taught in the high school. Colleges expect a student to have an “equivalent” experience to their freshman course, including the laboratories, and to master its content. The AP Biology Exam in May is graded by a national committee and assigned a score of 1-5. Many colleges give credit for an introductory biology course for applicants with a score of at least 3 if they are non-science majors, but few will accept a score of less than 4 for credit or advanced placement if the student is a science major. Please remember that fours and fives are very hard to achieve and require great effort. Students should consult the catalogs or admissions councilors of the schools to which they intend to apply for information regarding their AP policies.

To be successful in the AP Biology Program, a student must accept the fact that it is an unusual course that makes extremely heavy demands on the student’s time and energy. There is a tremendous amount of material to cover and a lot of work to do. Consistent effort, organization, motivation, maturity, reading comprehension and written communication are all traits/skills that will point them towards success in this class, as well as other classes. Students and parents should not be surprised by course requirements that are in excess of what one would expect from a standard high school course.

Course: AP Biology Exam Date: Monday, May 14, 2012

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Please detach this portion and return it with a parent/guardian signature on the first day of class. I have read the information in the AP Biology syllabus and letter and understand what is expected of me in this course.

 Student Signature

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Student e-mail

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