

ADVANCED PLACEMENT BIOLOGY

A. GRADING POLICY

Your final grade will be based on the following three categories.

1. Homework 5%

a. Chapter Packages

Chapter packages are composed of chapter objectives/questions and answers. They are to be **handwritten** and are collected on the day of the unit test. However, chapter packages are checked for completion and stamped before the due date. Once collected, they will be checked for correct answers. See guidelines for chapter packages.

2. Formative Assessment 35%

a. Required AP Labs

The AP curriculum includes 12 required labs. In addition to the actual lab and its data collection, each lab will include a lab quiz and a comprehensive essay as a lab exam.

All lab work is to be **handwritten** as primary data collection. The following web site is an excellent resource:

http://www.phschool.com/science/biology_place/labbench/index.html

b. Classwork, Labs(other than the required AP labs), Chapter Packages, Mini-Projects, Etc.

All classwork and homework must be **handwritten**, unless otherwise stated.

Presentations, Bio-Leisure and mini-projects **must be typed**.

3. Summative Assessment 60%

a. Tests and Quizzes(Add Bio-leisure for the second quarter)

Tests are cumulative. They are multiple choice and essay and designed to assess application level of knowledge. They are as difficult as the AP exam.

Generally, there are 2 to 4 tests per marking period and cover multiple chapters and related labs and activities.

***All AP biology students will design and complete a project which demonstrates knowledge of scientific process. Special arrangements can be made to use research internships, contests(American heart association, etc), writing grants, etc. as projects. **If you take the national exam in May, your final project will be counted as your second semester exam grade.**

B. GUIDELINES/OTHER CLASSROOM POLICIES

1. Come to class on time and prepared. Any assignment collected will be **lowered by one grade** if you come into class with an **unexcused tardy**.

2. Respect others and their belongings.

3. Do your homework. Expect to spend a **minimum of 1 hour**, 5 nights a week on specific assignments and/or generalized studying. Come to class prepared for the session's activities. Remember, this is a college level course and will be taught with that expectation.

4. If you have an **unexcused absence**, all work collected and assigned on that day becomes a **zero**.

5. Absences and make ups are according to school rules. If you are on a field trip, all assignments due on the same day **must be turned in on time**. The same rules apply if you get to school late(excused) or leaves school early(excused) even if you have missed or will miss AP biology. Drop off the work either in person or in my mailbox by 2:10 PM.

6. You will be given 1 late pass per quarter. It can be used to turn in a completed assignment 1-day after it is due with no penalty. It can be used for any assignment except for tests and quizzes. If you lose your late pass, another will **not** be issued. Late work will **NOT** be accepted without a late pass.

7. You may come in for lunch or after school help (by appointment only).

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