

Applicants for AP Biology,

I am excited that you are interested in enrolling in the Advanced Placement biology course at College Park next year. Since it is a more demanding class, I would like to make you aware of what is expected of someone who enrolls in this course, and have you let me know why you are interested in taking this class.

Here is what is expected from you if you are interested in enrolling:

- You should have a strong foundation of Biology and Chemistry from your previous classes.
- You should be a strong independent reader, who can retain details from material they have read and are strong in analyzing and interpreting what you have read.
- It is a good idea to expect to allow between five and seven hours of self-study per week. For some chapters, it might possibly be more but will be based on how efficiently you can use your time studying.
- It is crucial that you are capable of planning ahead and managing your time wisely for an AP workload.

If you are lacking in any of the above expectations or skills, it is your responsibility to address them independently to ensure your success in a more demanding class.

AP Biology Summer Assignments

Welcome to Advance Placement Biology course at College Park High School. This course will provide interesting and challenging experiences that are beyond the scope of the general biology course at the high school level. AP Biology will cover the same major biological concepts that are studied in an introductory college biology program. The textbook for this course is AP Biology edition by Neil A. Campbell and Jane B. Reece published by Pearson Education Inc.,.

You have to complete a summer assignment packet which will be a part of your AP biology grade. **The completed assignments are due a week after the first day of school on Thursday, August 17, 2023.** I strongly recommend completing assignments over summer break. **You will get extra credit if you turn in all assignments ON THE FIRST DAY of the class.**

How to turn in the assignments:

Enroll in my **Google Classroom**. [You can enroll by using the code bho36dx](#) or the [AP Biology Google classroom join link](#). I have divided all the assignments into three categories and created dropboxes for the three assignments. The assignments must be turned in electronically in the google dropboxes.

All the concepts learned in your previous biology class are prerequisite for AP Biology class. I won't be able to reteach these concepts because of the length and breadth of the material to be covered in AP Biology class. A portion of the summer packet would be a review of concepts from biology class that are needed for AP Biology. It is imperative for your success in AP Biology that you complete the summer assignment packet diligently.

Assignment 1 [Biology Review Assignment](#) - Use [Biology Review Notes](#) to complete it.

Assignment 2 [Ecology Guided Notes](#) - Take guided notes from two PowerPoints: [Ecology Notes 1 Chapter 51 to 52](#) and [Ecology Notes 2 Chapter 53 to 55](#).

Assignment 3 [AP Biology Bozeman Video Notes](#)- Take video notes on twenty eight assigned topics from Bozeman Video website <http://www.bozemanscience.com/ap-biology/>

I can be reached at this email virkr@mdusd.org during the summer break if you have any questions.

Have a nice summer break!

I look forward to teaching you next school year!

Thanks,

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