



# USD 232

## HONORS TO GRADE LEVEL COURSE COMPARISON

	<b>Honors Biology</b>	<b>Biology</b>
<b>Summer Assignment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• None</li></ul>
<b>Homework</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will have homework daily, often even on “test days”.</li><li>• Homework will vary in the amount of time needed to complete, however at times may take up to 30-60 minutes.</li><li>• Students are often required to master content individually outside of class time.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Homework is mostly assessment preparation.</li></ul>
<b>Rigor of Biology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A variety of reading material will be completed by students outside of class.</li><li>• Curriculum will be presented at an accelerated pace. It will be necessary for students to work diligently and efficiently to master introductory content.</li><li>• Use of resources (such as notes or a notecard) is uncommon when taking an assessment.</li><li>• Students should have a strong work ethic, good study habits, and be self-disciplined.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students will be given time to read most textbook assignments in class.</li><li>• Occasionally outside reading will be assigned.</li><li>• Most learning activities are teacher directed.</li><li>• Direct teacher support of all introductory content.</li><li>• Support resources often used when taking assessment.</li></ul>
<b>Depth of Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In depth analysis of molecular concepts will be covered.</li><li>• The same units will be covered as in Biology, however at a much greater depth and a quicker pace.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to molecular concepts.</li><li>• The same units will be covered in Biology.</li></ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus on preparing the student for college &amp; career readiness.</li><li>• Preparation for AP Biology.</li><li>• Weighted credit- standard grade plus .5.</li><li>• Colleges consider AP/rigorous courses on transcript during admissions process.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus on preparing the student for college &amp; career readiness.</li><li>• Provides a smooth transition into high school courses.</li></ul>