



USD 232

Honors to Grade Level Course Comparison

Below is a comparison of Honors classes to grade level classes.

This document is to provide your family with information to aid in your decision making process.

	Honors Biology	Biology
Summer Assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Check with specific school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● None
Homework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students will have homework daily, often even on “test days”.● Homework will vary in the amount of time needed to complete, however at times may take up to 30-60 minutes.● Students often required to master content individually outside of class time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● An average of 1-2 assignments per week are given to be completed outside of class.
Rigor of Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● A wide variety of reading material will be completed by each student outside of class.● Curriculum will be presented at an accelerated pace. It will be necessary for students to work diligently and efficiently to individually master introductory content.● No support resources will be used when taking an assessment.● Students should have a strong work ethic, good study habits, and be self-disciplined.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students will be given time to read most textbook assignments in class.● Occasionally outside reading will be assigned.● Most learning activities are teacher directed.● Direct teacher support of all introductory content.● Support resources often used when taking assessment.
Depth of Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● In depth analysis of molecular concepts will be covered.● The same units will be covered as in Biology, however at a much greater depth and a quicker pace.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Introduction to molecular concepts.● The same units will be covered in Biology.
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Focus on preparing the student for college & career readiness.● Preparation for AP Biology.● Weighted credit- standard grade plus .5.● Colleges consider AP/rigorous courses on transcript during admissions process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Focus on preparing the student for college & career readiness.● Provides a smooth transition into high school courses.