

**Open Disclosure
Park High School**

Course: AP[®] Biology

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Course Description: AP[®] Biology is based on a curriculum framework based on 4 Big Ideas. Within each of those ideas are Enduring Understandings which are further delineated into Essential Knowledge. Students will study a variety of topics in the biological field. As part of their study, 7 Science Practices will be emphasized throughout the year. Inquiry based laboratory experimentation and mathematical data analysis will also be stressed. Analytical reading and writing are an integral part of the course.

Textbook: AP[®] Edition Campbell Biology 10th, 2014. Pearson Benjamin Cummings. Each student will be issued a copy of this text. You are responsible for returning the same copy of the text that you are issued in the same condition in which it was issued. If you lose or damage the textbook you will be responsible for paying a replacement or damage fee. Leaving (hiding) your book in the classroom does not make the teacher responsible for the book. It could be lost or stolen. In addition, each student will be issued a code for an electronic version of the textbook.

Grading Scale: (Letter to Percent)

A+ = 100 to 98%	B+ = 89 to 88%	C+ = 79 to 78%	D+ = 69 to 68%
A = 97 to 93%	B = 87 to 83%	C = 77 to 73%	D = 67 to 63%
A- = 92 to 90%	B- = 82 to 80%	C- = 72 to 70%	D- = 62 to 60%

Failure = Below 60%

**Any student receiving a grade below 70% for the first semester will meet with the teacher, parent, and counselor to determine continued enrollment in the class.

Semester Grade Computation: This grade consists of the following:

Quarter grades = 42% each

Semester Exam = 16%

You will receive points for a wide variety of assignments and assessments. These will include homework, quizzes, labs, projects, and exams. Additionally, student participation and effort may be a part of your overall grade. Your grade will be based on your percent of the total possible points. This is calculated by dividing your total number of points earned by the total number of points possible in the class.

As a member of the class there are certain expectations and responsibilities for each person. The expectations include but are not limited to: coming to class prepared, having appropriate materials, taking notes, not disrupting the class, answering/asking questions and working cooperatively in lab groups and turning in all assignments.

Late and Makeup Work: Late work will be accepted at 50% of the value. Large projects will be marked down a minimum of 10% for each day past the due date. Work must be completed within 5 class days in order to receive any credit.

Absences: Make up work is the responsibility of the student! Students are allowed one day, for each day they miss, to make up any assignments due to a non-school related absence. No credit is given for unexcused absences.

AP Exam: Each student is expected to take the AP Exam in early May. *Pending administrative approval*, taking this exam will excuse you from the traditional semester 2 exam.

Classroom Expectations

1. Come to class on time; prepared to participate.
2. Respect your own space and everyone else's space.

This could include such things as:

Do your own work (respect your own ability to learn)

Contribute to this class and allow others to do the same.

3. You are responsible for your actions. Think before you act.

School Policies: We will follow the guidelines set in the Park High School Student Handbook for student attendance, appearance, behavior and other issues.

Additional classroom expectations for Mr. Mogen's classes

No food is allowed in the science classroom unless approved by instructor.

Water (in a sealable container) will be allowed in the classroom. This is a revocable privilege.

No other drinks are allowed at any time.

You may not have your phone out for any reason (including checking the time) unless instructed to do so by the teacher.

Using your ipod for music is an earned privilege and may only be used at the teacher discretion.

You are allowed 3 hall passes per quarter. Use them wisely. Unused passes may be turned in for extra credit points at the end of each quarter.

Materials

Three ring binder

Paper

Pen and pencil

Flash drive (something so you can store your work and then take it with you)

Colored pencils for projects/drawing

Books must remain covered the entire year

Academic Honesty: In order to realize their full potential for learning, students must complete their own work. Any form of cheating or plagiarism is unacceptable. Using another person's words, ideas, or work as your own will result in a failing grade. Additionally, any student who knowingly allows another student to use his or her assignment will also receive a failing grade. Administration and parents will be contacted in cases of academic misconduct.