

Welcome to AP Biology!

About Mrs. Mora:

- High school in Niles, Michigan
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- I have been teaching AP Biology at LBHS since 2003
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Saturday Labs

50 minutes a day isn't enough time to cover all of the standards and complete the labs College Board outlines in the AP Biology Curriculum Framework.

There are 7 Saturdays that we will be coming in to do the really time consuming labs.

See the syllabus or half-sheet handout for the dates.

Plan on being here from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

If your student cannot attend a Saturday lab, you must notify me ahead of time with a letter or email.

They will then be given “fake data” to use for the lab analysis.

Materials

- 3-ring binder (1-1½ inch) ****Bring it on day one****
- Some graph paper

AP Biology uses a variety of online platforms. You will need internet access for:

- AP Classroom through College Board
- Canvas
- Mastering biology (online textbook and more)

Grading Policy

Quarter grades will be based on the points earned in these categories:

- Tests: 40%
- FRQs: 30%
- Homework: 20%
- Laboratory: 10%

Test Repair

Unit tests are very challenging and require in-depth knowledge and analysis of the material. AP courses have moved away from rote memorization and instead focus on application and evaluation. Our unit tests contain a combination of both.

Since our goal is mastery, there will always be an opportunity for test repair. This involves coming in on your own time and fixing every incorrect answer on the test. For every question fixed, you will gain $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ of a point toward your score.

You have one week after the test date to make repairs.

Stay Informed!

Weekly outlines are posted on Canvas.

- These outlines will tell you everything we'll do in class the upcoming week, including homework and upcoming tests.
- Be sure to check it on a regular basis to be prepared.
- **Please use this if you are absent.**

Both parents and students are encouraged to use Remind. You should automatically be enrolled in AP Biology. But just in case, here's the join code:

@LBapbio24

How to have success in AP Bio:

- **Pay attention in class!** Ask questions if you don't understand.
- Study/review your notes every night. Come in the next day with any questions you have.
- Make flashcards from your notes.
- If you don't have time to read the entire section in your text, be sure to at least look at all of the diagrams/figures and understand what they are showing you.
- Watch the recommended AP Classroom Videos.
- Do the assigned Personal Progress Checks (PPC) from AP Classroom.
- Be prepared to ask questions about the PPCs the day before a test.
- If you don't feel comfortable asking questions in front of the whole class, come in before or after school and ask for help.
- **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY BEFORE A TEST TO START STUDYING!**

Did you look online at the summer “assignment?”

- Go to the LBHS home page
- On the right, under “Quick Links,” select:
Summer Assignments
- It isn’t an actual assignment, but will give you an idea of the topics in chemistry with which you should already be familiar
- You have a chemistry review assignment on the first day of school

How do LBHS scores compare?

AP Score	LBHS % for 2023	Global % for 2023
5	19	14
4	33	23
3	48	27
2	0	24
1	0	12
% 3 and above	100%	64%

LBHS % for 2024	Global % for 2024
28	17
39	23
28	28
5	22
0	10
95%	68%