

AP BIOLOGY PARENT/STUDENT CONTRACT

2013-2014

The purpose of the AP Biology Parent/Student Contract is to provide information to parents and students and to facilitate students' success in an academically challenging course. Please read carefully the list of expectations below and then sign the form at the bottom confirming your commitment to AP Biology.

Expectations of AP Biology students:

1. I recognize that participation in AP Biology requires me to:
 - a. Demonstrate increased student independence
 - b. Take on a high degree of responsibility
 - c. Meet higher standards than other high school classes
2. I understand that AP Biology is the equivalent of a college level biology course and therefore, requires the same amount of work as a college level biology course (approximately 3 hours of independent study for each hour of class).
3. I understand that late work will NOT be accepted. All assignments will be completed and ready to turn in BEFORE I get to class.
4. I understand that between labs, lectures and reviews, **there is really no way to make up a missed class**, therefore, it is essential that I attend every class and am prepared to participate.
 - a. Missed labs cannot be made up and will receive a zero
 - b. Missed tests will be made up the day of return to class and will be in essay form
 - c. Absences for non-academic school activities (pep rally set up, choir rehearsal, blood drives, etc..) will NOT be permitted
 - d. If I must be absent due to illness or family emergency, I am responsible for making up work within the accepted time frame (one day per day absent)
5. I understand that in order to cover everything that may appear on the AP Biology National Exam, this course must proceed at a rapid pace. Therefore, I must complete a substantial amount of work at home and am responsible for independently reviewing material we do not have time to cover in class.
6. I recognize that the material covered in AP Biology is extremely challenging. I also recognize that while my grade in this course and the score I receive on the AP exam matter, the amount and quality of knowledge I take from this class to college is most important.
7. I recognize that I am responsible for my own learning and success in class, not my parents, teacher, advisor, or friends. I will advocate for myself if I have concerns about my grade or need help with content.
8. I understand that lab safety is of extreme importance and I will abide by all safety rules. I realize that if I am not following procedures I may be removed from the lab and receive a zero with no opportunity to make it up. I also understand that I will be held financially responsible for broken equipment and promise to work with caution.

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I have read, understand, and will abide by the student expectations and the lab safety contract. I have read the course syllabus and confirm my commitment to this class. I understand the summer assignment and will complete all work by the due dates.

Student name _____ (printed)

Student signature _____ Date: _____

Parent signature _____ Date : _____