

GRADE EXPECTATIONS ADVANCED PLACEMENT BIOLOGY

Advanced Placement Biology is the equivalent of a first-year college Biology course. Lecture periods are held daily with lab periods given on alternate days. Additional laboratory activities may be conducted before or after school.

1. **Required Materials:** Notebook, Lab notebook/binder (to be kept in class)

2. **Grade Determination:**

Exams = 50% Quizzes = 20% Labs = 20% Homework = 10%

3. **FORMAL LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS**

All formal laboratory investigations will require a formal typed lab report. Lab reports must include a hypothesis, procedure, observations/data, calculations, and a conclusion. Very often students are called upon to make a presentation to the class about their hypotheses, calculations, and conclusions. In this way, students are able to collaborate on the objectives and design of an experiment, to assist each other in reaching conclusions, and to gain insights into variance and sources of error. Graded lab reports will be kept in a designated Laboratory Notebook/Binder. This is a MANDATORY component of the course and will be stored in the classroom. Labs support, convey, and cement the chemical principles presented in lectures and demonstrations. They also provide students with an opportunity to learn new physical skills (such as titration, quantitative transfer, or the use of volumetric equipment), foster good collaborative relationships, and improve problem-solving techniques.

4. **EXTRA HELP**

Extra help is available before, during, and after school. Students are encouraged to meet with me whenever they are concerned with their performance or in regard to the material presented in class.

Basic School Rules

5. Students are expected to arrive on time for class. Students not adhering to these guidelines will be marked late. Any student that is late three times will receive a cut slip and a phone call home.

6. Students must request makeup work the first day they return to school from an absence. The teacher shall set the time for the makeup work at the time of the student request. Assignments will not be accepted after the due date. It is the responsibility of the student to save all dittos, tests and homework

7. Students are expected to cooperate with all class and school rules. Hats, beepers, cell phones, walkmans, I-pods, hats any other electronic devices be confiscated. Students and their parents are also advised to check the student handbook for appropriate dress code.

Any questions, comments, or concerns please call the SCIENCE OFFICE at 539-9430 ext.5231

Student Name _____

Parent/ Guardian Signature _____

Date _____